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Letter from the Editor

When the breeze caught the University of Mary Washington flag being unfurled for the first time one bright morning this summer, I felt a slight quiver. It was similar to what I feel each May when hundreds of cap-and-gown-bedecked students process on Ball Circle to the strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*. Both are commencements. Both signify change.

The July 1 flag-raising was just as soul-stirring to me as any graduation ceremony. The blue banner imprinted with stylized columns and the words "University of Mary Washington" fluttered in the wind. Faculty, administration, staff, alumni and guests shared a cake bearing the same insignia. Like those students who march across the stage, Mary Washington was graduating. It was becoming a university.

How overwhelming! How challenging! How exciting!

Similarly, this publication is experiencing a graduation. Most obvious is the name. It's still *TODAY*, but the masthead now includes "University." You will notice other changes: an updated design, use of color throughout and more stories about alumni. Our aim is to pack in as much information as possible about your alma mater and to present it in a lively, interesting way.

Even with its new status, most of what we all love about Mary Washington remains the same – one-on-one interaction between students and faculty, a close-knit community, a verdant campus.

In the same way, much of what you have enjoyed about your alumni magazine remains the same – Class Notes, faculty highlights and updates on campus developments.

This is *your* magazine. I want it to reflect your interests. My aim is to bring Mary Washington to those of you who don't have the privilege I do of being on campus every day.

I am thrilled to be serving as Director of University Publications and to succeed a retired staff member who cared passionately about this institution. I long have worked with words – as an alumni magazine editor at another university, as a daily news journalist and as a college writing instructor. I relish the opportunity now to be in a setting that brims with stimulating activity. I love peering out my Lee Hall window at students playing games in Ball Circle, strolling down campus walk or chatting with professors.

I am excited about the new Jepson Alumni Executive Center and about other buildings planned for both University campuses. I take tremendous pride in the accomplishments of faculty members and alumni from this distinguished institution. And, like so many others, I eagerly anticipate Mary Washington's 100th anniversary in 2008. This issue highlights significant moments in the institution's past and it spotlights the Centennial Class.

I hope you enjoy reading *TODAY* as we reflect on yesterday and look forward to tomorrow. Let me hear from you. Ask questions; tell me what you like and don't like; brag about yourself; suggest story ideas. Call me, write me, e-mail me. Or, if you happen to be on this hallowed ground, stop by and visit me.

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ON OUR COVER

The Class of 2008 stands out for a number of reasons. Representatives of the class were photographed on Campus Walk by Doug Buerlein.

Alexander and other greats

University of Mary Washington will run a 2005 sequel to its enormously popular Great Lives public lecture series, which debuted last year. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 20, 2005.

In addition to Alexander the Great, the series will highlight such notables as Elvis Presley and Eleanor of Aquitaine, Mozart and Muhammed, George Washington, Harriet Tubman, Robert E. Lee, Winston Churchill and John F. Kennedy.

For a schedule and more information, call 540/654-1276.

A New Day

This summer, Mary Washington joined the ranks of fine Virginia state universities.

By an act of the General Assembly, on July 1, the College became the University of Mary Washington. That day, President William M. Anderson Jr. and the Board of Visitors celebrated the change with the unfurling of a royal blue flag bearing the new Mary Washington insignia. In a ceremony in Jefferson Square, Anderson and Rector **Mona Albertine '71** addressed the crowd that gathered for the event.

"This is a new day for a very old institution," Albertine said. "When I was here as a student in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Mary Washington College was seen as one of the foremost institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Today, the University of Mary Washington is seen as one of the finest institutions not only in the state of Virginia, but in the entire country."

Mary Washington has changed names before. In 1908, the "State Normal and Industrial School For Women at Fredericksburg" was established on the heights above Fredericksburg. In 1924, the school became "State Teacher's College at Fredericksburg," and in 1938, the name "Mary Washington College" was adopted.

The official title changed to "Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia" in 1944 and stayed that way until a 1972 ruling by Gov. Linwood Holton made the college autonomous and separate from U.Va. At that time, the name reverted to Mary Washington College.

Mary Washington College remains the name of the undergraduate college of arts and sciences in Fredericksburg. "University of Mary Washington" is the corporate name of the institution, which is made up of two colleges: Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford.

The UMW logo features four stylized columns reminiscent of the columns of the Jepson Science Center. It was crafted by the Baltimore design firm Barton, Matheson, Willse & Worthington (BMWW), which has worked with many major universities including Yale, Harvard and the University of Virginia.

BMWW also developed a new seal for the University, which the Board approved in September. The diplomas awarded next spring for the Class of 2005 will carry the new seal.

All graduates will receive diplomas of the same format. The top of the document will proclaim "University of Mary Washington." Depending on the campus from which the degree is earned, the bottom portion of the diploma will state "College of Arts and Sciences, Mary Washington College" or "College of Graduate and Professional Studies."

The new seal replaces the previous spinning wheel with a book of knowledge. It retains the year Mary Washington was founded, 1908, the torch and the University's motto, "Pro Deo Domo Patria," which translates into "For God, Home and Country."

– Neva S. Trenis

Coming Home

After five years of planning, four years of fundraising and a year and a half of construction, it was time to celebrate. Hundreds of alumni, friends and community members gathered on Trench Hill in early June to formally dedicate the new Alumni Executive Center.

"This new facility symbolizes the connection between all who have gone this way before and all those yet to come," said **Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70**, then president of the Mary Washington Alumni Association. "In the past 96 years, Mary Washington has represented the beginning of thousands of lives, careers and even romances. It has been the center of the Fredericksburg community, and its programs and people have become woven into the unique history of the surrounding area.

"I am proud to be an alumna and to be a part of this new center our alumni can call *home*," she added.

Lou Cordero

President William M. Anderson Jr., added his appreciation to all volunteers and supporters and offered a special dedication to **Alice Andrews Jepson '64** and her husband Robert S. Jepson Jr. of Savannah, Ga., who provided the $2 million lead gift that launched the campaign. In addition, Alice Jepson chaired the campaign team.

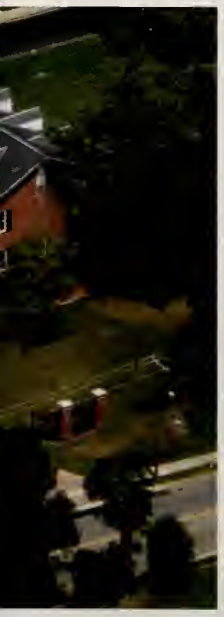
"In honor of the tremendous and generous contributions made by Alice Jepson and her husband Bob," Anderson said, "it is my distinct privilege to announce to you the official name of this new center. From here on out this facility will be known as the Jepson Alumni Executive Center."

Upon taking the podium, Mrs. Jepson clearly was surprised by the gesture. "I am truly honored; however, we couldn't have done any of this without each of you or without my campaign committee. Ideas on paper are one thing, but it takes everyone working together to make it happen. This project is the perfect example of how everyone came together to make a dream become a reality."

Mrs. Jepson thanked the many people who helped raise nearly $8 million for the center, far surpassing the original $5.6 million goal. She then cut the ribbon leading into the center part of the new facility.

Afterward, a ceremonial scissor guard carried the scissors to the door leading into the Rappahannock Grand Ballroom, where campaign co-chair **Charlotte Major Minor '66** recognized all members of the campaign committee and cut the ribbon. From there, the scissors were ceremoniously carried across the courtyard and presented to the second campaign co-chair **Elizabeth Smith Hughes '51**.

Hughes introduced **Becky Kalnen '37** from Wilmington, N.C., and announced that the newly renovated guest house had been named Kalnen Inn in honor of Becky Kalnen and her sister, the late **Margaret Rose Kalnen '33**. Hughes and Becky Kalnen officially cut the last ribbon, after which the entire center was open for tours.



In August, staff members from the Office of Alumni Relations, the University of Mary Washington Foundation and the Office of University Development moved into the central administrative wing of the new complex. Rooms within the facility, including the Rappahannock Grand Ballroom, the Executive Board Room and lower level rooms inside Kalnen Inn can be reserved for events beginning in January 2005. Call 540/654-1172 for more information.

– Donna Harter Raab

New microscope magnifies specimens *and* UMW's reputation

University of Mary Washington has received a prestigious $247,241 grant from the National Science Foundation to acquire a variable-pressure scanning electron microscope.

The SEM provides magnification of up to 300,000 times. Most microscopes in use in science departments achieve magnification of up to only 1,000 times. In addition, the SEM encompasses a vast depth of field allowing the observer to study a larger portion of the sample area. Another key difference is that the SEM uses electrons to form images, whereas traditional microscopes use light.

SEMs are rarely found at undergraduate institutions, said Kathryn Loesser-Casey, associate professor of biology and co-investigator of the grant. Even many of the scanning electron microscopes at major research universities fall short of "the capabilities of the one that is being purchased by Mary Washington, which is one of the most advanced models available today," she said.

The SEM, housed at Jepson Science Center, will be used by the biology, geology, chemistry, and physics departments during the academic year. In addition, the University's Summer Science Research Program, made up of faculty and upper-level students, anticipates using the SEM during its 10-week research program. Other departments, including historic preservation and classics, also will incorporate research using the SEM into their course work.

In addition to Loesser-Casey, the individuals responsible for writing the proposal to receive this grant include Jodie Hayob, associate professor of environmental science and geology; Susan Matts, assistant professor of physics; Deborah O'Dell, associate professor of biology; Neil Tibert, assistant professor of environmental science and geology; Leanna Giancarlo, assistant professor of chemistry; and Stephen G. Gallik, professor of biology.

In 2001, the chemistry faculty received a similar National Science Foundation grant to acquire a scanning probe microscope. This microscope allows researchers to study the properties of atomic level surfaces and produce a three-dimensional topographic image of the surface at the atomic scale.

Alcaraz draws on national exposure

The Cultural Awareness Series kicked off its 2004-2005 season with a multi-media presentation from nationally syndicated cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz.

Creator of the politically-charged Latino comic strip "La Cucaracha," Alcaraz sketched spontaneously his favorite cartoons while sharing his dazzling kaleidoscope of knowledge with his Mary Washington audience.

He began his career drawing editorial cartoons for his college newspaper, the *Daily Aztec*, at San Diego State University. "La Cucaracha" appears daily in the *Los Angeles Times, Denver Post, Arizona Republic, Houston Chronicle, Chicago Sun-Times, San Diego Tribune* and 60 other major newspapers. Alcaraz's latest books are *Latino USA: A Cartoon History* and *Migra Mouse: Political Cartoons on Immigration*. He also co-edits the satirical magazine, *Pocho*.

Bestseller creates a buzz

Bestselling author Rosalind Wiseman was guest speaker for the September President's Book Club program. Her book, *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends & Other Realities of Adolescence*, was the inspiration behind the recently released Paramount motion picture, *Mean Girls*.

Co-founder of The Empower Program, Wiseman works actively to halt violence among adolescent teens. Through her book and through seminars, she touches on topics like cliques, teasing and bullying. She has been recognized as a national finalist for the Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service by an Individual 35 Years and Younger, and was a recipient of the Donner Foundation's 21st Century Fellowship.

The perils of parking

Mary Washington is a university now, and it is attracting more excellent students and faculty than ever before. That's great news – unless you're looking for a parking spot.

At the Fredericksburg campus, 750 faculty and staff vie for 493 spaces. Students have it worse with 1,700 spots to accommodate 3,200 people, 1,500 of whom are commuters.

But help is on the way.

In spring of 2006, the University plans to open a 400-vehicle parking deck directly behind Goolrick Hall on Alvey Drive. Drivers will access the lot from U.S. 1, northeast of campus.

In the meantime, in order to make the most of the space on hand, UMW hired consulting firm Desman and Associates to do a comprehensive parking survey. The firm counted spaces, studied parking, analyzed traffic patterns near campus, and met with groups of commuters and campus-based students.

That study led to different campus parking configurations that added 41 spaces for faculty and staff. A few visitors' slots also were added.

To help defray the cost of the much-needed deck, for the first time ever this year Mary Washington students are paying for the privilege of parking on campus. By early September, 1,386 students had paid $100 each for a permit, all of which goes toward the new deck. Faculty and staff continue to park without charge.

– Neva S. Trenis

Cartoon by Bill Rechin, creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip *Crock* and grandfather of Katie Morgan '02.

Barry's business advice: Seek balance, be patient

University of Mary Washington students spend four years worrying about classes, grades and internships, but that's nothing compared to the demands of the "real world."

A representative of that world came to campus in October to offer wisdom and advice to students. Richard F. Barry III, vice chairman of Landmark Communications, served as University of Mary Washington's Executive-in-Residence for the fall 2004 semester. In classes with students, Barry discussed business ethics and leadership.

Many students asked about the basic issues and apprehensions of young adults looking to work their way into the business world. Barry, whose wife Carolyn graduated from Mary Washington in 1965, emphasized the importance of balancing three dimensions of life: work, home and self.

He also gave students advice on résumés and interviews, drawing on his previous experience at the helm of the *Virginian-Pilot* and *Roanoke Times*, as well as his current role as vice chairman of Landmark Communications. The company owns a variety of media outlets throughout the country, including The Weather Channel and nearly 100 publications. Barry stressed the significance of familiarizing oneself with a company before going in for an interview and making use of the interview itself.

Lou Cordero

"The best interviews are where the job applicant is firing questions at me," he said. When students inquired about starting salaries, Barry warned them against focusing too much on money early in their careers. He said that the jobs with the highest starting salaries are not always the most productive in the long run.

Barry, who holds a bachelor of arts from LaSalle University and a law degree from the University of Virginia, also said that many college graduates make the mistake of waiting around for a specific job and end up wasting valuable time. He encouraged students to find jobs wherever they can and work their way up from there.

"You do have to have a job, but it doesn't necessarily have to be *the* job," he said.

Many students were struck by Barry's advice, including senior Kelly Martin. "I thought it was interesting that he put an emphasis on getting out there, getting your foot in the door and realizing that sometimes you'll have to settle and work your way to the top," she said.

Senior Franz Wesner also found Barry's voice of experience helpful. "Students need direction from executives and management, people who have done it before."

– Katy Nicholson '06

Slavery exhibit makes widespread waves

The *Washington Post* wrote about it. The BBC dropped by for an interview. Even Bill Cosby made an appearance.

The big draw to campus was "Reflections on American Slavery: Selected Objects from the Collections of the United States National Slavery Museum" at Ridderhof Martin Gallery, one of the most visited exhibits ever at University of Mary Washington.

During its six-week run, more than 1,600 visitors saw the display. Stories about the UMW exhibit and the National Slavery Museum showed up in media across the United States and as far away as Israel.

"The amount of publicity is unprecedented – it surprised even me," said Thomas P. Somma, director of University Galleries and the inspiration behind the exhibit.

"Reflections on American Slavery" was the first public look at the growing collection of the planned United States National Slavery Museum, scheduled to open in Fredericksburg in 2007. Former Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder is spearheading the museum project; he recruited Bill Cosby as a board member.

In September, Cosby and Wilder visited UMW for a gala to celebrate the National Slavery Museum. Cosby spoke at the black-tie event and announced he would donate proceeds from 10 concerts – a gift estimated to be worth between $1 and $1.5 million – to the cause.

Other speakers at the gala included Fredericksburg Mayor Thomas J. Tomzak and UMW President William M. Anderson Jr. Museum board members Ethiopian Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie and Jacob Gelt Dekker, founder of Museum Kurá Hulanda in Curaçao, attended the event, as did architect Chien Chung Pei, who is designing the museum.

The exhibit at Ridderhof Martin Gallery brought together blacks and whites, students and administrators, town and gown. Some wept as they came upon rusted iron shackles or a slave coin, Somma said. Others stood in silence as they read slave letters describing the humiliation of being hooked to a plow, or pleading with family to do whatever was necessary to buy the letter-writer out of captivity.

Political cartoons and drawings from such periodicals as *Harper's Weekly* and *The Illustrated London News* showed the political climate of the 19th century, while sheet music and children's books illustrated with caricatures of African-Americans revealed societal attitudes held into the 1900s. In sharp contrast were elegant drawings, African clothing, and musical instruments reflecting African culture.

One result of the exhibit is that it raised the profile of the University in the multicultural and minority communities, Somma said, something he hopes may bring more diversity to campus.

"The exhibit was an occasion to bring people together and not polarize them further," he added. "We strived to provide a safe environment for people to talk about slavery in a positive way."

– Neva S. Trenis

Lou Cordero

Show and Tell

Family Weekend in September provided an opportunity for students to show their parents interesting aspects of the UMW campus, including the slavery museum exhibit at Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

Lou Cordero

Two Bills: Cosby and Anderson

Expertise of team is nondebatable

Wyall and Golladay

A West Point saber now resides among Mary Washington's trophies for the coming year – thanks to the debating skills of students **Jennifer Golladay '05** and **Leslie Wyatt '06**.

The two young women won first place at the West Point Invitational Debate Tournament in October at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Golladay and Wyatt defeated the University of Richmond in the finals to claim one of the most coveted prizes in intercollegiate debate.

The 1967 antique U.S. Cavalry army saber has been won by schools such as Harvard University, Dartmouth College and Cornell University. At the West Point tournament, Golladay and Wyatt debated teams from Bard College, Boston College, Columbia University, Cornell, New York University, Richmond and University of Rochester.

Students debated this topic: "Resolved – the U.S. government should establish an energy policy requiring a substantial reduction in the total non-governmental consumption of fossil fuels in the United States."

Coached by Assistant Professor Timothy M. O'Donnell of the English department, the UMW debate team previously swept all three divisions in a tournament at UR, winning first place in novice, junior varsity, and varsity. With all of its victories, the team was well on its way to a record-winning year.

Board welcomes trio of new members

Three new members have joined the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors. In June, Gov. Mark R. Warner appointed Randall R. Eley of Falls Church, Va.; Martha Kearns Leighty '75 of Richmond; and Patricia Branstetter Revere '63 of Midlothian, Va. Their terms expire in June of 2008.

Eley is founder, president and chief investment officer of The Edgar Lomax Company and trustee emeritus of the Board of Trustees of The Endowment Association of the College of William and Mary. A graduate of Yale University with a juris doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School, he has appeared on CNN, CNBC and the *Nightly Business Report*. Eley succeeds Dorcas R. Hardy.

Leighty, who has a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, is assistant dean of arts, humanities and social sciences and chair of the English department at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. She serves on the State Council of Higher Education as well as other education-related boards and committees. Leighty succeeds Dori G. Eglevsky.

Revere, former president of the Mary Washington Alumni Association Board of Directors, has a master's degree from VCU. A recipient of Mary Washington's "Frances Liebenow Armstrong Service Award" for outstanding service to the University and the Alumni Association, Revere serves on the University of Mary Washington Real Estate Foundation Board of Directors. She succeeds Charles D. Welty.

Among the nifty fifty

Mary Washington consistently gets top marks in such publications as *U.S. News & World Report* and the precious-to-parents *Princeton Review*. But this fall, Mary Washington made the grade in the popular press as well.

In its October issue, *CosmoGIRL!* advised college-bound readers to check out the University of Mary Washington, which it listed as one of the 50 best colleges in the United States.

The popular teen 'zine asked college counselors and admissions officers what types of colleges are most likely to lead to post-grad success. The experts cited:

- Small class size
- Prominent female faculty members
- Strong women's sports programs
- A career center that facilitates internship opportunities
- Lots of chances to hold leadership positions in clubs and activities
- An active alumni network

But it took more than that to be chosen from the 2,685 four-year schools the magazine considered.

"We sifted through every college and found 50 that have all these things and more," the October article stated.

UMW got high marks for small classes and a favorable faculty-to-student ratio. A *CosmoGIRL!* "College Fun Key" used colorful icons to indicate that Mary Washington is within a two-hour drive of an ocean, lake, mountains and skiing; within a 20-minute drive of art museums; and has top-notch women's sports teams.

All 50 institutions chosen had short entries listing their strong points: Stanford University got a mention for famous alumni – Sandra Day O'Connor and Chelsea Clinton. University of California, Berkeley was noted for its high percentage of Nobel laureates on faculty.

Among Mary Washington's attributes, the article listed proximity to D.C. and its attraction to political science and international affairs programs. But a long-time tradition – well known to alumni – got the final word: Devil-Goat Day.

– Neva S. Trenis

UMW FACULTY MEMBER HELPS UNCOVER A LEGEND

A University of Mary Washington professor was among a team of Anglo-American archaeologists who last summer discovered the remains of an early colonial settlement on the Caribbean island of Nevis.

British professor Roger Leech of the University of Southampton collaborated with Carter Hudgins, chair and distinguished professor in the history department at the University of Mary Washington, and Eric Klingelhofer of Mercer University. They led the excavation to confirm whether or not an earthquake and tidal wave destroyed the settlement of Jamestown in the late 17th century.

According to legend, the people and buildings of Jamestown vanished under the sea when a tidal wave flooded the island.

For two weeks, the team explored a coconut grove and riding stable for the site of the settlement, estimated at 200 by 400 yards, along the former shoreline.

The Anglo-American test trenches contained wall foundations for three separate buildings that were more than two feet high and included objects associated with the mid-1600s. One of the walls slanted five to 10 degrees and half of its length plummeted nearly a foot toward the sea. Due to these observations, the archaeologists theorized an earthquake, documented to have taken place in 1690, could have hit the area.

The Nevis settlement may not be an identical replica of the early American colony of Jamestown; however, the team of researchers found a variety of similar artifacts between them. Some of the items include relics from expensive Italian and German imported vessels and kitchen wares produced by African slaves.

Next summer, the team plans to continue its excavation as part of a field school for teaching historical archaeology in the Caribbean. Since little is known about colonial life of the 1600s, the researchers intend to find out more about the buried remains, excavate a 17th-century home and scrutinize the evidence related to Jamestown's destruction.

– Lesley Johnson '05

The art of the congressional loan

At the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, Rep. Jo Ann Davis of Virginia's 1st District talks to Thomas Somma, director of University of Mary Washington Galleries. On the wall is one of seven paintings loaned from UMW Galleries' permanent collection to the offices of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization. Davis chairs that committee.

As far as anyone knows, Somma said, this loan represents the first time works of art for a Congressional office have come from an institution outside the federal government. After he and Davis began discussing the prospect, Somma said, "It took a while; there was no protocol to follow."

He is pleased to have the University recognized in "a very public space" on Capitol Hill.

Toddy Puller: Profile in Courage

As the keynote speaker at the 11th annual Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women, Virginia State Sen. **Linda T. "Toddy" Puller '67** spoke about leadership and perseverance. She encouraged women to run for elected office.

The daylong program, held Nov. 4 at UMW's College of Graduate and Professional Studies, included seminars, networking opportunities and a career-oriented panel of women executives. The colloquium was sponsored jointly by the University of Mary Washington and The Virginia Foundation for Women.

Puller, a 13-year veteran of the Virginia General Assembly, has strongly supported public education, transportation, health care, mental health and veterans' issues throughout her tenure. A Democrat representing parts of Fairfax and Prince William counties, she serves on several Senate committees and 10 state and national commissions and boards.

She has received numerous honors, among them the American Legion Auxiliary's Outstanding Woman of Virginia Award and Mary Washington's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Puller began her career as a fourth-grade teacher. She is the widow of Lewis Puller Jr., a Marine who was severely injured in the Vietnam War and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

Goal-oriented

Block's determination nets national honor

Soccer and lacrosse may be her sports, but **Melissa Block '04** knows a lot about hurdle-jumping.

This award-winning athlete and Virginia's NCAA Woman of the Year had to overcome a host of obstacles to get to where she found herself this fall: a top ten national finalist in the 2004 NCAA Woman of the Year program.

Block is the first woman from Mary Washington ever to achieve this distinction, which is the NCAA's highest honor, and one of only two NCAA Division III athletes to advance this far. According to UMW lacrosse coach Dana Hall, who nominated her, Block exhibits all of the qualities associated with the award – dedication, academic achievement, hard work, community service, character and cooperation.

Block, a native of Annapolis, Md., didn't make the lacrosse team her first year of high school. Inspired rather than dejected, she signed up for a class to continue playing the game and hone her skills for the following year's tryouts.

Her hard work paid off and she made the junior varsity lacrosse team as a sophomore. Block continued to improve, making the varsity lacrosse team her junior year. A versatile athlete, she also was a standout on her high school soccer team and was the Anne Arundel County indoor track champion at 500 meters.

Obstacles continued to loom. Her first year at Mary Washington, Block failed to make the women's soccer team. Rather than allow herself to feel defeated, she decided to try out for the women's lacrosse team. She not only made the team, she became a starter and was the only freshman to be a part of the Final Four.

Block went on to become a two-time Capital Athletic Conference player of the year, a two-time Division III defensive player of the year, and a two-time consensus All-American. She also led Mary Washington to three NCAA Tournaments.

Block dominated the Capital Athletic Conference during those three seasons in the categories of ground balls and caused turnovers.

Not only does she outshine others on the field, Block also stands out in the classroom. She graduated in the spring with a 3.68 cumulative grade point average and a 3.72 grade point average in her biology major. She was honored by being named to the President's List, the Dean's List and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She was also an active member of the Mortar Board Society, Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society and the Chi Beta Phi Science Honor Society. Block won the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Award and was named to the Women's Lacrosse Association National All-Academic team.

In her spare time, she volunteered with Friends of the Rappahannock, the National Council of Jewish Women and Genesis Eldercare Spa Creek Center. She also helped out in the emergency room at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

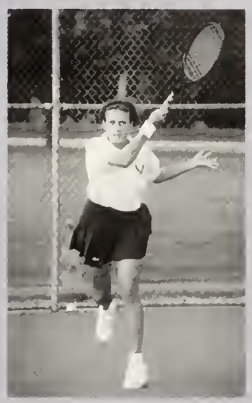
Block is now taking classes at Anne Arundel Community College in order to earn her master's degree and become a nurse practitioner. She hopes to play intramural lacrosse in the spring.

Photography by Clint Often

Purcell, Smith named to Mary Washington Athletic Hall of Fame

Former Baseball, Tennis All-Americans Honored at October Banquet

Don Purcell '93



Leslie Roland Smith '94

Former baseball All-American **Don Purcell '93** and former tennis All-American **Leslie Roland Smith '94** have been inducted into the University of Mary Washington Athletic Hall of Fame. They were inducted at the annual Athletic Hall of Fame banquet during Homecoming Weekend.

Purcell is the second baseball alumnus to gain Hall of Fame status. He ended his career as the school's all-time leader in at-bats, hits, and runs batted in. He was the first All-American in Mary Washington baseball history. In 1991, he gained third team honors after batting .425, which included a 29-game hitting streak. He was named as the Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 1993 and earned all-region honors in both 1991 and 1993. He was a key member of Mary Washington's first three NCAA Tournament appearances – 1991, 1992 and 1993.

Purcell, who majored in business administration and psychology, lives in Columbia, S.C., where he owns and operates several businesses with his family. He hasn't given up baseball entirely; he still plays in several semi-pro leagues. He is married to the former Kerri Gilead, and has an infant daughter, Kristen Ashley.

Leslie Smith's Athletic Hall of Fame induction in October was her second. She was a member of the 1991 NCAA Division III national championship tennis team, which was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2001. An All-American in doubles her junior year, Smith garnered singles All-American status the next season, the same year she advanced to the NCAA singles tournament semifinals.

Smith was named Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 1994 and was also a finalist for the South Region Player of the Year. She remains active in tennis, coaching at both the high school and college level. She teaches history at Lake High School in Canton, Ohio, where she was named the school's 2001 Teacher of the Year. She is married to Christopher Smith, and has a baby daughter, Camille. She also has been honored with the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Coaches' Award.

For more information about the UMW Athletic Hall of Fame or to make a nomination, please contact the UMW Sports Information Office at 540/654-1743.

Feats Accomplished

In 2004, Mary Washington continued its tradition as one of the finest NCAA Division III women's soccer programs in the nation. The Eagles, coached by Kurt Glaeser, won their 13th Capital Athletic Conference championship, advanced to the NCAA tournament for the 12th time, and won at least ten matches for the 18th straight year. The team was led in scoring by senior midfielder Kathryn Amirpashaie, who surpassed the career 100-point mark. She, along with the other four seniors on the team, had the distinction of winning four CAC championships and advancing to four NCAA tournaments.

Successful seniors, left to right, Betsy Pitti, Kathryn Amirpashaie, Mary Elizabeth Fulco, Jen Condon, Jill Palmieri.

FIRST

By Marjolijn Bijlefeld

This year's freshmen not only are the first to enter the University of Mary Washington, but also will be the first to graduate in the institution's second century.

The Centennial Class arrived on campus August 18 – all 886 of them. In cars and vans, packed to overflowing, they brought with them mementos from the past and hopes for the future. The day itself represented a turning point in these young people's lives, as well as for the institution itself. In addition to graduating in the year Mary Washington turns 100, they are the first students to matriculate at University of Mary Washington.

These new students make a strong statement about the reputation of the University. "This is a great class," said Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for enrollment at the University. "Not only are they academically talented, they represent a wide geographic diversity, a multitude of talents, interests and experiences that will contribute to the campus."

Statistics back him up. The average high school grade-point average for the entering students was 3.64, slightly above that of their classmates a year ahead of them. Forty-three percent were ranked in the top tenth of their graduating classes. Their mean combined SAT score was 1230, seven points higher than that of the year before. More than one-fourth of them attained Honors Admission status.

The freshman class is 65 percent female and 35 percent male. Two-thirds of them are Virginia residents and those remaining represent more than 30 states and several foreign countries. *University of Mary Washington TODAY* met with seven members of the class of 2008. Their stories paint a picture of the richness and diversity of the University of Mary Washington student body.

CLASS

A Prescription for the Future

From the time she was toddling around with a toy doctor's kit, **Victoria Crawley**, 18, knew she wanted to be a pediatrician. She's not about to lose her focus now.

She visited undergraduate schools affiliated with medical colleges, such as Virginia Commonwealth and Howard universities. "On campus tours, the guides kept pointing out the blue safety lights and security phones," she said. Instead of assuaging her, it was unnerving. In contrast, Mary Washington made her feel welcome and comfortable. A second visit during the campus-wide Multicultural Fair clinched it for her. The campus felt like home.

Now into her science-heavy course load, Victoria is thankful for the three years of biology she took as part of her International Baccalaureate program at Gar-Field Senior High School in Woodbridge, Va. She had worried initially that students would be expected to know the course material – a sink-or-swim approach. Her first day relieved her of that fear. "Professors offered help after class, they gave us their e-mail addresses and said we could set up appointments."

Victoria has achieved a milestone within her immediate family: the first to go directly to college from high school. Following her announcement that she was enrolling at Mary Washington, congratulatory cards and letters arrived with checks and cash totaling more than $3,000. Clearly, her family has great expectations of her – but none are higher than those Victoria has for herself.

Transatlantic Connection

Jason Istvan was one of only 40 seniors in his high school in Dublin, Ireland, where he and his American family had lived since he was 15. He knew he wanted a smaller school rather than a large university when he returned to the United States for college. Jason's father is an executive with Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta, but was on assignment in Ireland. His family returned to Georgia when Jason arrived at Mary Washington.

In addition to an intimate feel, the college he attended needed to have solid sports and music programs, Jason said. He was the national silver medalist in javelin and shotput, and he and his younger brother trained with the Irish Olympic team several times each week. This fall, Jason played rugby at UMW; in the spring, he'll be on the track and field team.

Music is also very important to him. He was first chair viola in the Young Dublin Symphonia.

Jason visited the campus late last winter, spending a night here with a member of the track team. He began to see himself as part of the Mary Washington community. The fact that the school is not far from his grandparents' home in Fort Washington, Md., was a bonus.

The experience of attending high school in Ireland was exciting, but led to some logistical problems, too. For example, Jason had to make arrangements through the U.S. Embassy to take his SATs because the tests aren't available there.

Home Away from Home

Before she left Panama, **Yolianna Alfaro** savored the fresh fruit – papayas and pineapples – she knew would be in short supply in the States. While she looks forward to home-cooked Panamanian dinners over winter break, Yoli has been pleasantly surprised by the variety of healthy sandwich and salad offerings at Seacobeck. So, the stereotype that all American food is less healthful has been shattered, as have other preconceived notions she held about the United States.

Yoli made her choice to attend University of Mary Washington sight unseen. A small photo in a brochure caught her eye and she liked what she saw

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Photos by Doug Buerlein

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In addition to the incoming freshmen, University of Mary Washington welcomed 176 transfer students into the University's BA and BS degree programs. Also, the University's College of Graduate and Professional Studies welcomed 176 new students this fall and has admitted 142 new students for the spring – 87 in the Bachelor of Professional Studies program, 86 in the Master of Business Administration program, and 145 in the Master of Education program.

on the Internet. She was looking for a school that was near – but not in – a major U.S. city. The fact that she had friends in Washington, D.C. helped. "First, I thought I would go to Washington a lot, but when I was there for fall break, I felt like I couldn't wait to come 'home' to my own room and my own bed."

Yoli plans to major in some aspect of business, probably human resources or marketing. She is delighted with the small classes and the attentiveness of the professors at Mary Washington. "Even my 8 a.m. macro economics class is fun," she said.

First Impressions Count – One Decade Later

Robert Lynn of Warrenton, Va., first visited the Mary Washington campus when he was in elementary school. He accompanied his mother, who was taking education classes at the time. "I'm always fascinated by the history of the school – that it's the only public college named after a woman. I like to see the little pieces of evidence that it used to be a women's school – like the mural in Dodd."

Robert had not originally planned to apply to the former women's college. However, once his mother suggested it, the idea grew on him. "I wanted a gorgeous campus. I love the city of Fredericksburg." Plus, he said, "several of my teachers at Liberty High School were graduates and they all had great things to say about the school. I have yet to meet someone who went here who didn't have a wonderful experience."

When it came down to the wire, Robert was deciding between UMW and Washington & Lee University. "Mary Washington had the more relaxed atmosphere. I saw myself in the students I met." Also, he said, "the faculty at other places seemed more distant."

Robert's twin brother chose Washington & Lee, following in the footsteps of their father and older sister.

"I have yet to meet someone who went here who didn't have a wonderful experience."

A recipient of the prestigious Washington Scholar award, Robert was eligible for nearly a free ride at Mary Washington. "That sweetened the deal," he conceded. Even so, at his parents' urging, he put campus setting over cash in making his decision. "I pushed the scholarship from my mind and still chose Mary Washington."

Freshman Financier

When **Greta Krafsig** enrolled at Mary Washington, she brought more than her books and her brain. She brought a business.

While still in high school, 18-year-old Greta combined her twin passions – horses and computer programming – into a venture that she hopes will pay her way through college. She has established Internet games on two Web sites, whiteoakstables.net and pawpets.net, which let players run a horse stable and an unusual pet shop, respectively.

Greta graduated from high school early – in December of 2003 – just so she could take some extra time to cultivate her business. Her games teach time management and money skills. Players can participate for free, but subscriptions – ranging from $10 to $25 per year – unlock more features.

The horse game evolved from a 100-page story Greta wrote between the time she was 11 and 13. "I've always wanted to be a writer and when the story was over, I felt there was nothing to do anymore."

By age 15, though, she had begun programming computers. She was quickly able to create a Web site related to her story. So far, nearly 30,000 members have gotten in on the fun. She launched pawpets.net in September, just before school started. In the first hour, that site drew 69 members and had 600 members by Day 2, she said.

Greta chose UMW, in part, because of its proximity to home. She and her mother moved from Manassas to Bealeton last year. Greta's business has generated enough income to pay for her first year's tuition; she's commuting to save on room and board. Not surprising, her intended major is computer science.

Greta has arranged her classes so that she finishes by 3 p.m. each day, still leaving time to do her homework and spend an hour or two answering e-mails and tweaking the games.

From Prep School to Home Turf

Zach Barrett, 20, was exploring an antique shop last summer in Fredericksburg when he came upon someone's 1940s diploma from Mary Washington College. He bought it, knowing his own diploma would say University of Mary Washington. While the move to university status was not a deciding factor for him – "I would have come here anyway" – he does appreciate the switch. "It shows progress. I like the idea of an evolving school."

Zach graduated from The Lawrenceville School, a boarding school in New Jersey once known as a feeder school for Princeton and featured in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *This Side of Paradise*. His family moved to Marshall, Va., five years ago, and Zach was delighted to find a school with an excellent reputation so close to his family's home. "It's hilarious that I'm coming home for college. It's the exact opposite of what everyone else does."

"I like the idea of an evolving school."

Being at Mary Washington is just what he wanted, though. His family has been able to come watch some of his rugby games – a luxury beyond reach when he was at Lawrenceville. Walking along on a rainy day in September, Zach said, "Even in the rain, the campus is beautiful."

While Zach has been living away at school for three years already, there are plenty of differences between boarding school and college. "There's a lot more freedom here. At boarding school, you can't leave the school. Here, there are restaurants and friends' houses." He finds the mobility refreshing, allowing him and other students to focus on studying rather than the feeling of being trapped.

Zach is looking toward a career in law. "This is a good place to establish myself and pursue different interests."

Out of Iowa

Danielle Mackey, 19, of Cumming, Iowa, had been warned: Easterners aren't as friendly as people in her native Midwest. One visit to Fredericksburg dispelled that myth. "We went to dinner and people came up to me to ask if I was going to Mary Washington. You can walk up to anyone here," she said.

She first heard of Mary Washington from a recruiter. "On paper, it looked perfect," she said. She made two trips here – once with her mother and once with her father – and both of them agreed it was a good fit for Danielle. When she learned she could take horseback riding – "my stress relief" – as a gym class, the decision was nailed. She misses her national show horse, Gandy Dancer, nearly as much as she misses her parents and two younger brothers.

Danielle isn't sure where her career path will take her. She's interested in the liberal arts – English, international affairs, global literature. In addition, she has plunged into a variety of activities, from joining the Legislative Action Committee and the Equestrian Club to tutoring local children at Hope House and volunteering at the Spay and Neuter Clinic.

Danielle also is feeding off the enthusiasm of others. "Everyone is so excited about learning. The classroom atmosphere is entirely different from high school."

She said the significance of being in the centennial class will become more apparent when this class starts its senior year. But it's not unfamiliar terrain. Back in 2000, Danielle and her college classmates were members of the middle school millennium class.

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Top 4 Reasons for Choosing UMW

The seven students profiled each had profoundly personal reasons for selecting UMW as their college of choice. But each cited the following factors:

1. Beautiful campus
2. Proximity to Washington, D.C.
3. Accessible and dedicated professors
4. Welcoming atmosphere

RENAISSANCE

Mary Washington Professor Bülent Atalay Meets Leonardo da Vinci

By Gregory McNamee

Leonardo da Vinci was a bundle of contradictions: a pacifist who earned much of his living as a military engineer; a religious skeptic whose "Last Supper" is one of the most spiritually sublime works in the history of art; and a self-taught scientist who painted from time to time, leaving behind only a dozen-odd completed works at his death, and yet is one of the most revered artists in the world canon.

The artist was interested in just about everything, and, though a born procrastinator, he finished a prodigious amount of work in his lifetime. He even was well-liked by his contemporaries – with the notable exception of Michelangelo.

Contradictions aside, nearly 500 years after his death, Leonardo da Vinci still provides endless fascination for us 21st-century types: The "Mona Lisa" remains a must-see for any visitor to Paris, "Vitruvian Man" regularly figures in advertisements for such things as cars and computers, and books about Leonardo – including, most recently, Dan Brown's best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code* – flow from the presses.

For Mary Washington physics professor Bülent Atalay, modern society's ongoing fascination with Leonardo comes as no surprise. Atalay is the author of *Math and the Mona Lisa: The Art and Science of Leonardo da Vinci*. The book, now in its fifth printing, was published in the spring of 2004 by Smithsonian Books to strong sales and favorable reviews.

Leonardo speaks across the centuries, Atalay said. That's true at least in part because he worked with universal ideas that are independent of time and place. In other words, a highlander in the remote forests of New Guinea and a financial wizard on Wall Street are just as likely to see beauty and order in the great artist's works.

"Mona Lisa", for instance, is not merely a beautiful representation of a famously enigmatic woman. Throughout the painting is a proportion that is pleasing to the human eye and resonates in nature, a proportion so familiar that scientists and artists alike have dubbed it the "golden section," permutations of which yield a golden rectangle and golden triangle.

Think of the golden section as a kind of mathematical expression of perfection – though mathematicians might not like to use such a value-laden term – and it is easy to understand why it figures so often in classical works of art and architecture, such as the Egyptian pyramids, the Parthenon and the portraits of Rembrandt.

To illustrate, Atalay traces a line from the top of Mona Lisa's head to the top of her bodice, the ratio of which is the golden rectangle. The golden triangle is there, too, found on her torso, "slightly turned, her right shoulder and her right cheek set back relative to the left shoulder and left cheek, respectively," according to Atalay.

The golden ratio also turns up, Atalay noted, deep in the structure of human DNA itself. That helps to explain why cultures around the world find expressions of the ratio to be beautiful just about everywhere they turn up – whether in a face, a swirling cloud, a cathedral or a seashell.

Atalay's delight in such discoveries seems boundless. He has spent much of his professional career – nearly all of it at Mary Washington – working with esoteric theories and ideas that fly above the head of most mortals. One such idea, a perturbation theory for projected states, he said, "is so specialized that perhaps a few dozen people in the world have real interest in it – and that includes my family." Yet, he is also an avid generalist, a lover of classical music and literature as well as visual art.

Math and the Mona Lisa grew from his many notable accomplishments and interests, as well as from his teaching experience. He has been happily sharing his enthusiasm in Mary Washington classrooms for the last 38 years.

There are practical as well as personal reasons for his interest in the world of ideas beyond the lab. Atalay's theory is that science students who have no engagement with the arts and the humanities are missing critically important tools for thinking about the world.

Former student Keith Wamsley '03 said Atalay often spoke of the intersection of art and science, especially in his graduate course, The Character of

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Physical Law. "Even in his basic course, University Physics, he often connected what we were learning to the history of science and the intellectual atmosphere of the time that produced the discoveries or insights that we were currently studying," added Wamsley, a Cornell graduate who earned his master's degree from Mary Washington.

Atalay's introductory physics class set Justin Conroy '00 on a different course. "He immediately inspired me to go into physics," said Conroy, who planned to major in chemistry when he entered Mary Washington as a freshman. "Dr. Atalay talked to me about art, about classical music, literature, and so on, and I found myself as a sophomore starting to listen to Beethoven and Mozart in place of Pink Floyd and the Beatles – although that's great music too.

"Back when physics classes were in Combs Hall, and Dr. Atalay's office was right off the main lecture hall, he would play classical music for us while we were taking his exams," said Conroy, who is completing a Ph.D. in theoretical physics at the College of William & Mary.

Atalay, a native of Turkey who attended schools in Europe and the United States, recalled having his own interest in the confluence of art and science piqued by a guest lecturer in his 11th-grade classroom.

The teacher illustrated the lecture with his own artwork and introduced the concept of the golden triangle, Atalay said. He also talked about the Fibonacci series, a deceptively simple series of numbers that also played a role in Leonardo's work.

(The Fibonacci series is a sequence of numbers first published by Leonardo Fibonacci in 1202. The first two numbers in the series are one and one. To obtain each number of the series, you simply add the two numbers that came before it. In other words, each number of the series is the sum of the two numbers preceding it.)

"The teacher was not the most effective speaker, nor a particularly good artist, but the content of his talk was fascinating for me – I had a passion for art, and I had a passion for mathematics," Atalay said. "And in time, I would develop a passion for physics. Leonardo embodied the same passions, but he came by them all on his own. In examining nature, he somehow developed the skills to frame questions in just the right way – in the manner of a modern scientist."

A modern scientist, that is, with Bülent Atalay's unusually rich toolbox at his disposal. Leonardo da Vinci's very method, rich in scientific and psychological insights, added to the universality of his work. In *Math and the Mona Lisa*, Atalay wrote that Leonardo's method blended "careful experimentation, meticulous observation, copious recording of data, and a synthesis in the form of an explanation."

As testimony to that fruitful approach, we have the 4,000 or so pages of Leonardo's famed notebooks that have survived, less than a third of his total output. Atalay laments the knowledge that was lost with those missing pages, a mystery worthy of an Umberto Eco novel.

"Had his work in physics, geology, anatomy, optics and astronomy and his designs for machines been available to other scientists," Atalay said, "we might have reached our present level of scientific and technological sophistication by the late 18th century."

With Leonardo for inspiration, Atalay takes pains to keep abreast of developments in all the physical sciences. Moreover, the world-traveling scholar pursues other interests, including history, archaeology, art history and painting.

"But only a fool would claim to be an artist while discussing Leonardo," Atalay said demurely.

Those pursuits turn up often in the pages of *Math and the Mona Lisa*, which touches on X-ray technology, the evolution of perspective, the construction of the Egyptian pyramids, remote sensing, quantum theory, and an arcane 1940 Indiana legislative resolution that dealt with mathematical values, among other topics great and small.

A model for contemporary scientists, Leonardo personifies what the renowned biologist E. O. Wilson calls "consilience": the unity of many branches of human knowledge. Leonardo's wide-ranging interests and, in Atalay's words, "endless delight for making connections" aside, Leonardo also collaborated with other scientists late in life. With them, he sought to add to his store of knowledge about astronomy, geology and anatomy while at the same time passing on what he knew.

Atalay shares Leonardo's willingness to cross disciplinary boundaries, something former student Davis Lee '98 remembers well.

"The single greatest thing I learned from Bülent Atalay was the importance of a total holistic view of things," said Lee, who went on to earn a Ph.D. in plasma physics from MIT. "Be it art or physics, math, economics, sports, these things are all interrelated; everything is, in fact, interrelated.

"To use an art analogy," Lee continued, "it's like looking at a slide of a sculpture. There are many vantage points, and any single view does not do the object justice. You need to walk around the object and look down on it and up at it. The same is true of life, science, math or art. Economics can lead to a symphony, love can spawn a stroke of scientific genius, and art can be mathematical."

Clearly, Leonardo da Vinci offers an example for the rest of us. And so does Bülent Atalay.

He closes *Math and the Mona* Lisa with a gentle exhortation to his readers – students in a classroom that now reaches far beyond University of Mary Washington – to follow Leonardo's model: Keep an open mind, take copious notes, make sketches, experiment constantly, and seek connections always. "Observe in the manner of the scientist, savor in the manner of the artist."

Signed copies of Atalay's book are available through the University Bookstore. Go to http://marywashingtonbooks.collegestoreonline.com/ and click on General Books, then Faculty Authors.

Atalay served this fall as a distinguished-visitor-in-residence at Duke University, where he worked with 30 freshmen who had been selected for a program called "FOCUS: Exploring the Mind." Atalay's book, *Math and the Mona Lisa*, was required reading for the participants, who immerse themselves in courses in neurophysiology, artificial intelligence, psychology and computer science. Atalay talked to students and their faculty mentors about "Leonardo's Model."

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COUNTDOWN to CENTENNIAL

As the University of Mary Washington looks toward its 100th anniversary in 2008, UMW TODAY will highlight various developments in the institution's history.

"Here, in our academic community enclosed in its brick wall, we felt we could help solve a problem tearing our country apart. Because we are young and idealistic. Because we believe."

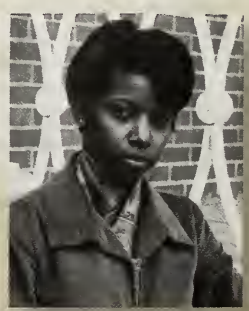
– Susan Wagner, Managing Editor
The Bullet, May 6, 1968

Doors and Minds

President of the student Afro-American Association, ***Claudith "Dottie" Holmes*** *vowed "to do her best" when she came to Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in 1967. She majored in history and would later return to her alma mater as a member of the first class of MALS graduates in 1983. Today she lives in Richmond and works for Verizon.*

Courtesy of The Free Lance-Star

Johnny P. Johnson, Mary Washington's first African-American faculty member talks with Karen Gustafson '63.



Mary Washington's first African-American graduate, ***Venus Romance Jones*** *graduated with honors in just three years. She then attended the University of Virginia's medical school where she was one of only six females in her class. Upon graduation, she provided health care to American Indians in Arizona. Later she served as chief of neurology for three large Air Force medical centers and opened the Delta Neurology Clinic in 1998. Sadly in 2001, at the age of 53, Dr. Jones died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.*

A chemistry major, ***Christiana "Chris" Hall-Worthams*** *was the first African-American graduate from Mary Washington to become a teacher. She began her career in the Arlington County public school system and today lives in California.*

Orita Whitehead Martin *attended Mary Washington through 1969. The following year, she moved to Denver, Colo., and completed her education at Regis University. Today Martin and her family live in Colorado where she works as an accountant. "I remember fondly my time at MWC and the friends I met."*

Begin to Open:

DECADE OF DESEGREGATION

By Carolyn Sydnor Parsons '83

In February of 1968, five young women gathered informally in the office of *The Bullet*, Mary Washington's student newspaper. They wanted to talk about something they all were experiencing: isolation.

On a campus with more than 2,000 students, they were the only African-Americans. Three were freshmen – Claudith "Dottie" Holmes and twin sisters Anita and Orita Whitehead. The other two – Venus Jones and Chris Hall – were upperclassmen. Four of the "Big Five," as they called themselves in reference to the Big Four civil rights leaders, would become the first group of African-American students to graduate from what was then known as Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.

This year, in light of the 50th anniversary of the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, stories of these students and Mary Washington's desegregation history assumed more prominence. Simpson Library sponsored a lecture series and an exhibit titled, "Opening Doors, Opening Minds: A Celebration of *Brown v. Board of Education*'s Impact at MWC and Beyond."

While the *Brown* ruling primarily challenged discriminatory laws in elementary and secondary schools, its legacy also was felt in higher education. Forty years ago, Mary Washington's Board of Visitors approved a policy of desegregation. That decision is what formally opened the institution's doors to African-American students.

The "Big Five" were not the first African-Americans students to attend Mary Washington. That milestone occurred in 1962 when Jacquelyn Pulliam, a teacher in the Culpeper County public schools, enrolled for the summer session as a commuter student.

The following year, local resident Gaye Todd (now Adegbalola) took summer French classes as transfer credits for Boston University, where she was enrolled as a senior. It wasn't until after the Board's decision in 1964 that Mary Washington admitted its first African-American residential student. That was Kay Estelle Savage; she attended for two years and then transferred to Howard University.

Despite the College's prevailing reticence, the student body was ready to integrate and began to work on and off campus to encourage this. A campus panel in 1961 discussed "What is the Responsibility of College Faculties and Students in the Integration Crisis?" Students spent breaks working for the Southern Student Organizing Committee. SSOC was a predominantly white organization that encouraged and coordinated student activism on campuses.

Mary Washington students registered voters, worked in community centers and talked with African-American high school students about attending college. Locally, they even participated in a civil rights demonstration. Led by Nan Grogan Orrock '65, now a Georgia state legislator, a group of students joined area residents to picket the Fredericksburg Circuit Court building in protest of "Bloody Sunday" (March 7, 1965) in Selma, Ala., and to show their support for upcoming voting rights legislation.

It was the students' hope, wrote Mary Fitch Harahan '65 in a letter to *The Free Lance-Star* shortly after the rally, that "their personal beliefs would become integrated into national policy."

Anita Whitehead Scott *knew from the start that she "always wanted to teach." After graduation, she worked in Charlottesville schools while her husband completed his law degree. When he finished, the couple moved back to Fredericksburg, and Scott has since taught at Hugh Mercer Elementary School.*

Courtesy of *The Free Lance-Star*

Teenagers staged sit-ins at downtown Fredericksburg lunch counters during the 1960s, demanding that they be served equally.

On that wintry day in *The Bullet* office, though, as the conversation bounced from topic to topic, the No. 1 concern among the five women was segregated housing. The Whitehead sisters and Holmes all were placed in the same room in Virginia Hall. "I'm sure a computer didn't do it," Holmes '71 quipped during the "Big Five" discussion. "It's very disappointing and disheartening to think that you have come to an institution of higher learning and open mindedness only to find that you've come to a place that's living 25 years in the past."

The Negro On Campus

The Bullet, *Feb. 19, 1968*

Students en masse protested this discriminatory housing policy, saying it denied them the opportunity to learn about one another. Finally, in January of 1969, Chancellor Grellet Simpson issued this statement: "The necessary steps were taken to assure … there would be no discrimination in the assignment of rooms . … The College regrets that the situations have occurred in the past." From the 1969-70 term forward, all living areas were integrated.

Their meager social life available on campus was also a point of group discussion. Upon returning home to Tidewater Virginia, Anita Whitehead Scott '71 said the sentiment of her friends was: "Now you can get with your sisters and brothers." Anita had friends at Virginia State University, and they would invite her to Homecoming and events at their school. Others in the group had contacts at Howard University, U.Va. and Virginia Union University. Plus, they all had friends on campus – many of whom tried to set them up with blind dates, especially with Marines stationed at Quantico.

"The town was so good to us," recalled Holmes. Frequently, the women were invited over for meals with local families after church and various faculty members opened their homes to the African-American students. Holmes reminisced about one of her favorite professors and friend Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English Donald Glover. "You could just drop in and have dinner. His wife made the best chicken pot pie. I'll always remember. I sat right at the table with his children. You were always welcome."

The women also supported each other. The older African-American students helped the younger ones get off to a good start. They explained the nuances of Devil-Goat Day and offered transportation. "We were there for each other," Holmes said describing their camaraderie. "We were few in number, but we always got along well. We always supported each other … We knew it was an opportunity just to be at Mary Washington."

As the group left *The Bullet* office that day, they had no way of knowing that in only two months, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would be assassinated. For Anita Scott, now a second-grade teacher at Fredericksburg's Hugh Mercer Elementary School, that day was the most transforming experience of her college career. Students joined hands on Ball Circle and sang 12 choruses of "We Shall Overcome."

Scott felt the College recognized that Dr. King "wasn't just a great man to African-Americans. He was a great man to all Americans, and he was making an impact. It really made me feel more included – that one single event."

The students' tribute and subsequent city memorial also moved Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy George Van Sant. He served as a marshal for the city's memorial march and recalled recently, "We marched into St. George's Episcopal Church and filled it. Black and white, completely integrated. It was a beautiful service."

Bolstered by the display of unity following Dr. King's death, the faculty became more vocal in support of integration. They passed a resolution stating that "Mary Washington College should strive to become more relevant in the area of human rights and dignity lest we contribute to the growing polarization of white and black America." Student-faculty committees were established to address specific areas of concern in admission policies, curriculum and hiring practices.

Mary Washington's first African-American faculty member was a veteran teacher in the local public schools and a respected member of the African-American community. Johnny P. Johnson was hired in 1968 as a part-time instructor for "Methods of Teaching Art" in the education department. Now retired, Johnson admits he initially had concerns. Not wanting to be viewed as a token, he "made sure he was up to the task," completing his master's degree soon after he was hired.

Johnson used opportunities in the classroom to discuss racial differences. For instance, when white students asked for flesh-colored paint, Johnson would invariably "give them a tube of black paint. We'd laugh, and they'd get the message – flesh color for whom?" Overall, Johnson felt his years at Mary Washington were "a very rewarding experience." He said recently, "I made so many friends with students, and now many of those students are teaching."

Even in the '60s, there were daily reminders that full integration would come slowly. A police officer frequently followed Johnson when he drove his art student teachers back to campus. The local chapter of the Council on Human Relations, a state organization that sponsored interracial dialogue, had student members but was not allowed to meet on campus. "These were things we lived with," Johnson said.

Anita Scott, one of the trailblazing "Big Five," agreed. "Students today have no understanding of the struggle people had to go through."

Carolyn Sydnor Parsons '83 is special collections librarian and archivist at Simpson Library.

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Students and faculty picket in front of the Fredericksburg Circuit Court Building in support of the 1965 Voting Rights Bill.

THE APPRENTICES

Amid an array of labels, tape, and mylar, Sarah Stebbins '04 leaned over and asked her fellow classmates if the *Battlefield* yearbook was positioned correctly. "Closer to the front," directed Brandi Rapalee '04. Meanwhile, Ryan Winfield '04 was busy selecting images and texts for his panel.

Why all this activity in the usually quiet lobby of Simpson Library? It was exhibit installation day – a day these Historic Preservation students had been preparing for all semester.

HISP 463, a course called "Laboratory in Museum Design and Interpretation," is the ticket for many historic preservation majors into real world museum exhibition. The course evolved, according to Professor John Pearce, "from a modest exhibit design exercise that used to be part of our introductory 'Museum Techniques' course." The exhibit portion grew into the stand-alone course it is today, producing exhibits ranging from a timeline on the history of Hanover County to a reorganization of the James Madison Museum's "Hall of Agriculture" in Orange County.

The students benefit by learning the process of exhibit creation, receiving hands-on experience, and producing a completed final work to showcase on their résumés. Venues in which the exhibits are displayed benefit by having top-notch work produced at little or no cost.

"Theory is one thing, but practicing it is another," said Michele Heimiller, a senior who is double majoring in history and historic preservation. "We had to decide everything from what to mount . . . to what size the font would be." Vickie Stuart, who graduated in the spring, has already found practical application for the knowledge and skills she gained in her historic preservation classes. She is a museum technician for the National Park Service.

Last year, Pearce's students researched and designed four exhibits. In addition to the two exhibits at Simpson, which were part of the library's larger program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision – "The African-American Experience at Mary Washington College" and "James Farmer: The Legacy" – they also undertook another project that entailed researching the history of Prince William Forest National Park. Their final work was a departmental exhibit on the history of the University of Mary Washington's buildings and its traditions. (Bet you didn't know that the campus building, Framar, derived its name from the combined first names of its builders, Frank and Marion Reichel.)

After conducting so much research and surviving the rigors of mounting an exhibit, students "love having done something real," Pearce said. "They clearly see it as relevant to their future possibilities."

– Carolyn S. Parsons

Recent 2004 graduates, Kristen Matlick, Ryan Winfield, Brandi Rapalee and Sarah Stebbins, gather in front of their exhibit, "The African-American Experience at Mary Washington College." These students along with Michele Heimiller, Vickie Stuart, and Katie McQueen researched and designed the display.

By going back to school while successfully maintaining a career, Carole Ellison (center) represents a trend.

Driven to Succeed

Working adults flock to graduate campus to take care of unfinished business

By Christine Neuberger

Carole Ellison knows a thing or two about career success. Once a computer programmer, she advanced into systems engineering before becoming a whiz at software sales. It's no wonder people assumed she had a college degree.

"I was promoted to a pay scale and position where you normally had a degree," Ellison said. "It would always bother me that I couldn't say I had a degree."

That changed in 2002. Ellison, who had begun college years ago, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Mary Washington's College of Graduate and Professional Studies, formerly James Monroe Center.

That was just the beginning. In May, she graduated from CGPS's master of business administration (MBA) program.

Ellison, 52, earned two degrees in five years by hitting the books during her long commute to a demanding job. As an adult who balanced part-time studies with a thriving career, Ellison exemplifies a trend among graduates and current students at CGPS.

Individuals already enjoying professional success flock each year to the Stafford County campus to finish college degrees they started earlier. Drawn by programs tailored for part-time students, working adults realize long-held dreams by earning the Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) degree. Like Ellison, many BPS graduates stay on to earn the MBA.

Ellison was fresh out of high school when she headed to college on a scholarship. A year later, she put higher education on hold to follow her husband Rich's military career. She soon took a job to help support their family, which had grown to three and later would increase to four. In the computer field, she flourished, starting out as a programmer and moving up to systems engineer.

Meanwhile, Ellison's daughters earned their bachelor's degrees and went on to graduate school. Her husband returned to college to finish his degree. One day at work, it hit her: "I need to go back." In 1999, Ellison was among the first to enroll at the new college campus, just minutes from her Stafford home.

"Work is my first love," she said recently. "So classes had to be at night. But I didn't want to sacrifice quality, and I didn't want to learn online; I wanted real professors in real classrooms."

Carrying 12 credits each semester while commuting to a job in Richmond, Ellison felt drained by the time she finished her undergraduate degree in 2001. Yet she had an appetite for more. "I loved it. I wasn't ready to stop."

After enrolling in the MBA program, a job change lengthened Ellison's commute. She started a daily trek to and from Rockville, Md. But by riding with a co-worker, and by taking a laptop, batteries and charger, she was able to study en route. As Ellison rehearsed class presentations in her Honda, the colleague provided feedback from behind the wheel.

It helped that Ellison's boss was among her biggest supporters. She allowed Ellison to schedule work trips around exams and class presentations. What's more, Ellison's employers financed virtually all of her education.

"I enjoyed taking classes to the end . . . I honestly looked forward to walking into class every night."
Carole Ellison

Doug Buerlein

Year in and year out, Ellison sacrificed Saturdays to study, earning a 3.8 grade-point average in the MBA program.

During the week, work always took priority. Months of on-the-job effort paid off when Ellison closed a $4.3 million sales contract – the biggest in the history of her company, LEGATO Software, which later was bought by EMC Corp. – during her final year in the MBA program. The account, which Ellison still manages, is worth more than $11 million today.

"Everybody [at CGPS] understands we are professionals with jobs. They are realistic," Ellison said. "I've never heard anyone say school is more important than work. But along with that, professors are not willing to accept substandard work."

Ellison rattled off the degrees earned by her immediate family and realized her MBA brought the total to seven. "Advancing your education is a way of life," she said.

Pamela Denton would agree. "I've gone to school all my life, and this is the best education I've ever had [in terms of] the quality of instructors and administration. People [at CGPS] care so much about the students and the information we're covering."

As an added bonus, she said, "you are exposed to adult students with such diverse backgrounds, careers and life experiences. Sometimes you learn as much or more from interacting with other students as you do from the instructors and textbooks."

For Denton, the situation was the same as that faced by Ellison and many other CGPS students: Work and life got in the way of college. Denton, 47, owns and operates a printing-and-mail services company with $1 million in annual revenues. As accomplished as she was, she knew something was missing.

"I wanted a degree for a long time," Denton said. That desire became a reality when she earned her BPS in May. Now she is enrolled in the MBA program at CGPS.

"It took me until I was in my mid-40s to get my degree, but it means more to me than it might have if I'd graduated from college at 21. I had to wait and work for it. I probably got more out of it this way."

As manager of the day-to-day operations at Data Integrators, a data processing, laser printing and mailing business she and her husband started six years ago, Denton is no stranger to pressure.

"Someone asked me how I relieve stress. I said, 'I go to school.' I love it."

To bring the same success to her education as she does to her job, Denton devotes evenings and weekends to the books, sometimes burning the midnight oil to finish class projects.

"If you want it bad enough, you do what you need to do," she said. "I'm no different than the other students here. They want the education and are willing to give up sleep to get it."

"If you want it bad enough, you do what you need to do."
Pamela Denton

Christine Neuberger

Denton already had an associate's degree and a paralegal certificate. But like Ellison, she felt incomplete not having a four-year college degree. Now, with an undergraduate diploma in hand, her goal is to earn her graduate degree and a 4.0 grade-point average in three years – by the time she turns 50. Along the way, she is applying what she learns in the classroom to her profession.

"It's time well spent," Denton said. "The professors tie what we're learning to the real world, and I'm able to take that with me."

Graduate school means sacrifices for Denton, as it did for Ellison. But satisfaction balances that.

"I enjoyed taking classes to the end," Ellison said. "I honestly looked forward to walking into class every night."

Christine Neuberger is news information and publications coordinator at the University's College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

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– Preamble to the UMW Mission Statement, adopted July 2004, that officially delineates the undergraduate, residential college of arts and sciences, Mary Washington College on the Fredericksburg campus, and the University's College of Graduate and Professional Studies on the Stafford campus

Fulbright fellows

David S. Hardin '83, assistant professor of geography at Longwood University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to conduct four months of research next year in the Republic of Croatia. He will concentrate on the causes, conduct and outcomes of the 1991-95 Homeland War in Croatia's Western Slavonia, which lies between Bosnia and Hungary in northern Croatia.

Meanwhile, **Rola Abimourched '04**, has received a Fulbright grant to continue in Jordan the research she began in Lebanon under a Mary Washington undergraduate research grant. Her research in Lebanon formed her honors thesis, "Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon: Acknowledgement of the Worker, Denial of the Person."

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Star treatment

Chris Ensign '95 and his wife, **Susie Thorpe Ensign '96**, received national media exposure during the 2004 presidential campaign. **Derek Bottcher '96** proposed the couple as examples of "ordinary" Americans who could talk to the President about tax cuts, retirement savings and Social Security reform. Sharing the stage with President Bush in front of 1,400 people at a campaign event in Northern Virginia, the Ensigns received extraordinary coverage. Their appearance was captured in national newspapers, including *USA Today* and *The Washington Post*.

Alumnus saluted

Jennifer Freed '92 was recognized at a ceremony in conjunction with the 85th anniversary of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va. Freed is the center's site project leader for the Navy Marine Corps Intranet Project, the largest government information technology contract ever awarded.

Gifted and talented

For most first-year teachers in the public schools, survival is the reward. **Sandy Reynolds**, a second grade teacher in Manassas City Public Schools, not only survived, but also was named the district's 2003-2004 Outstanding First Year Teacher.

Reynolds, who is working toward her master's degree at Mary Washington's College of Graduate and Professional Studies, said, "I was able to take all those theories, lesson plans and strategies I am learning in graduate school and bring them to life in the classroom."

Reynolds also gives credit to her colleagues. "Many say it takes a whole community to raise a child," she said. "Likewise, it takes a whole school to 'raise' a first year teacher."

Pull out your passports

The President's Travel Club is booking reservations for its upcoming trip to England and the Scottish Highlands. Called "The Royal Tour," it will take place May 20 through 28, 2005. With lectures and commentary provided by W. Brown Morton III, Mary Washington's Prince B. Woodard Chair of Historic Preservation and Professor of Historic Preservation, the trip will include private visits to estates, castles and special sites. Highlights will include a luncheon at The House of Commons and House of Lords and a tour of Chartwell, led by a member of the Churchill family. There also will be visits to official residences of the Royal Family, including Windsor Castle and Balmoral.

The trip will conclude with a farewell dinner at the Inverness summer home of Professor and Mrs. Morton. As in the past, world-class accommodations will be available throughout the journey.

James and Gladys Bowen

"Princes and Palaces: Masterpieces of Northern Italy" was the 2004 excursion of the President's Travel Club. The group stayed at the Villa d'Este on the shore of Lake Como, visited the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper", and boarded River Cloud II for a cruise on the Po River from Cremona to Venice. Lectures and cultural insight were provided by Mary Washington Professor Emeritus Clavio F. Ascari and his wife, Rosalia Colombo Ascari, professor of modern languages and literature at Sweet Briar College.

James and Gladys Bowen of Fredericksburg, who had been on the 2003 President's Travel Club excursion to Paris and Provence, also were on board for the trip to Italy. Gladys said she had visited both locales before, but found these trips to be a completely different experience. "There is such a feeling of camaraderie when you travel with people who have a common bond," she said. "With President Anderson and the professors, we were able to visit private homes and see exhibits that a regular tourist could not. One night at a private dinner, I even sat next to a Count."

For more information about the President's Travel Club, call Jeff W. Rountree '91 at 540/654-1137.

Photos by Lou Cordero

Attending Homecoming 2004 meant coming to a new home. Alumni were able to enjoy refreshments and tour the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, which served as the Homecoming hub.

Save the Date!

Reunion Weekend 2005
Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5

MEMO

TO: All alumni

FROM: Monecia Helton Taylor '81

It is a pleasure to extend greetings to you as I begin my term as president of the University of Mary Washington Alumni Association. I also extend my sincere thanks to Kathy Shepherd Mehfoud '70, our immediate past president, for her leadership and commitment over the past two years. Besides presiding over alumni board meetings and representing the Alumni Association at various campus events, Kathy attended numerous regional alumni programs and hosted several alumni gatherings while on business travel.

I am privileged to serve at such an exciting and significant time in the history of our alma mater. We are officially a university, with a dynamic new graphic identity, an outstanding student body and a beautiful new alumni center. You also are seeing the first issue of *University of Mary Washington TODAY*, with its exciting new design and color throughout.

Your Alumni Association's Board of Directors, an enthusiastic and diverse group, met on Homecoming weekend in October. Among the agenda items was approval of a resolution endorsing the University's mission statement. We also began discussing ways to involve students and alumni from the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. The highlight of the meeting was its location. The Jepson Alumni Executive Center is a breathtaking combination of elegant design and state-of-the-art functionality. I encourage you to come and see it for yourself. It will enhance your pride as an alumnus and renew your connection to the University.

We have many exciting times ahead as we begin this new era. Please come back and visit the campus, attend regional alumni events in your area, and stay in touch with friends and classmates through our online community for alumni. I look forward to serving you for the next two years.

REGIONAL ALUMNI EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS. ALUMNI IN THESE AREAS SHOULD MARK THEIR CALENDARS:

Washington, D.C. – Tuesday, March 29, 6 to 8 p.m.

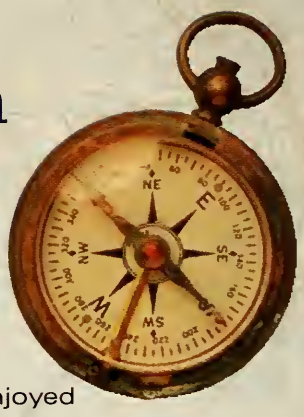
Richmond, Va. – Tuesday, April 5, 6 to 8 p.m.

Baltimore, Md. – Sunday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.

THE SPEAKER FOR ALL EVENTS WILL BE PROFESSOR BÜLENT ATALAY

For more information, call 540/654-1011.

Fund chair maps out life destination



In 1974, Leslie F. Tilghman graduated from Mary Washington with a bachelor's degree in biology. During the next few years she explored several career paths, choosing gemology as her life destination. Today she is the third generation co-owner of Tilghman Company Inc., a family jewelry business in Annapolis, Md.

"Gemology is not quite biology, but it is still a science," said Tilghman. "I grew up in the jewelry business in our family store, and I have always enjoyed the people aspect of the retail industry. A few years after graduation I had an enlightened moment and discovered I wanted to be a gemologist." She took courses through the Gemological Institute of America and the American Gem Society to become a Registered Jeweler, a Certified Gemologist and a Certified Gemologist Appraiser.

Tilghman credits her education for helping her reach this life destination. "When I look back at the past 30 years, I realize that my education at Mary Washington was an excellent preparation for my future," she said. "The quality of the academic programs was phenomenal then, and they have only gotten better since. If I had it to do all over again, I would still choose Mary Washington."

Tilghman remains close to Mary Washington. She attends reunions, is a member of the President's Council, serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and is current vice president for the alumni fund, which means she is chair of the **Fund for Mary Washington**. "I think it's important for alumni to support Mary Washington in all ways possible. We can help by serving as mentors or role models for students and by offering financial support to the Fund for Mary Washington."

Tilghman adds that the Mary Washington tradition remains unchanged. "Students at Mary Washington today are preparing for their future just like we did when we were students. They have dreams and goals and a lot of energy. We need to do everything we can to help these students achieve their educational goals."

Mary Washington students are going places, and you can help them get there.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of **Vernie Blankinship Knight**, who died at Goodwin House East in Alexandria last November. She was a staunch supporter of our class. We especially remember Vernie as the chair of our 50th reunion, with the slogan "50 for the 50th." She gave such a wonderful toast at the award ceremony for **Ruby Lee Norris** in 1986. **Nona Deckert Morse** wrote that Vernie was always the stalwart member of the class. At her memorial service, Vernie's minister said, "Thank you, Lord, for sharing Vernie with us." Among Vernie's survivors are her husband, daughter **Edna Knight Roberts '64,** son John Knight, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Lillie Turman**. Her sister, **Mary Alice Turman Carper,** wrote that Lillie died last December. She had served as dean of freshmen at Mary Washington.

Marjorie Dement Britton '37 and her husband are in a nursing home in Richmond. **Nona Deckert Moose** is in a retirement home in San Antonio; duplicate bridge is her big hobby. I sent her **Mildred Ware Barta**'s phone number and address. She thinks of her often and the members of Dr. Lautz's home economics class.

Dorothy McGuire Bunch attended a special reception honoring her daughter, **Susan Brittingham '57**, who had her quilts on display at Virginia Tech's Perspective Gallery.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong keeps busy working three hours a day at Mary Washington.

Ruby Lee Norris sent me lots of news. **Audrey Davis Smith** chairs a committee that has been compiling a history of Lancaster County, where Ruby Lee has some ancestors. Ruby Lee reports that the book, full of old pictures and sketches, is beautiful. **Lillian "Mike" Boswell Rothery '38** lives in White Stone, Va. She and Ruby Lee have had cataracts removed by the same doctor; now they both have nearly 20-20 vision!

Also in the same vicinity are **Connie Hook Felvey '56**, who lives in Northumberland on Bayberry Island; **Jean Polk Hanky '69**, who lives in White Stone; and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock '61**, who lives in nearby Mathews County. Sylvia invited several Mary Washington folks for brunch last December, and they celebrated Ruby Lee's birthday.

My San Francisco family – granddaughters Dot, 5, and Julianne, 11, and grandson T.J., 15 – visited last winter.

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Dorothy Graf Hecker is alive and as well as can be expected at age 84. She lives on an 89-acre farm-turned-bird-sanctuary in rural Pennsylvania. Her three children are scattered from Ohio to Washington state; she has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. While her traveling days are over, she harbors wonderful memories of trips to South America, China, Mexico, Great Britain, Ireland, Scotland and Switzerland.

Rebecca Buckingham Straw retired in 1987 after teaching second grade for 27 years. The physical education major and mother of four has maintained her interest in sports. In 1996, she traveled with her daughter's family to Atlanta to attend the Olympics. One son and two granddaughters are soccer players. Thanks to her son's involvement in the sport, she was afforded one of the thrills of her lifetime: After an exciting game in New Mexico, she got a hug and an autograph from soccer star Mia Hamm. Now 84, Rebecca has traveled extensively; the best trip, she says, was an eight-week coast-to-coast trek with two other teachers. She encourages others to write in. As Rebecca put it, "Life is good!"

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A special thanks to all who sent news and who helped me remember the words to "Tell Me Why."

"Tell me why the stars do shine,
Tell me why the ivy twines,
Tell me why the sky's so blue,
Tell me, Mary Washington,
just why we love you.

Because God made the star to shine,
Because God made the ivy twine,
Because God made the sky so blue,
God made Mary Washington;
that's why we love you."

Edith Winslow Staalman moved to Aiken, S.C., in 2000, after living in Northern Virginia most of her life. Her daughter moved to New Hampshire; Edith is now near a granddaughter and great-granddaughter. **Jo Walker Magee** also lives in Aiken in a retirement village with husband Roger.

Edith has traveled with her former roommate, **Ruth Bailey Conroy**, on some of Ruth's trips with the Naples Florida Concert Band. Ruth, who moved to Florida in 1984 after retiring from her position as computer systems analyst, plays saxophone in the concert band as well as in a dance band that plays '30s and '40s music. She also has played with the American Winds Concert Band and has traveled to 16 countries. Another travel companion on these tours has been **Mary Anne Kimman Sutton '46.**

Marcia Williams Barkelew of Carmel, Calif., wants to thank everyone who sent a contribution for a 60th reunion gift to our alma mater. She reports that we exceeded our goal! Marcia has five grandsons, two in southern California and three in Spain.

Rita Henriques Rummelsburg lives in Dallas with husband Charles. **Agnes Constantine Specia** lives in San Antonio. She paints, knits, plays Bunco, and is adjusting to life as a widow.

Jane Keefer Priewe of Alhambra, Calif., hears occasionally from **Jane Bonney Mason** and **Elizabeth Winfree Quaiff**. "Keefer" is a published author who also teaches writing. She has three children, three granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

Edith Whittemore Richardson lives in Church View, Va. She lives alone and says she is doing well except for rheumatoid arthritis. She has a son and daughter, three grandchildren, and two "great grands." Edith has attended several alumni events, including one where she and **Dorabelle Forrest Cox** sat at the same table and had a good visit.

Rita Unruh Chinn lives on Lee Hall Farm in Hague, Va., in Westmoreland County. Except for six years of teaching elsewhere, she has lived in the area since graduating from college. Her daughter runs a flower and gift shop on the farm during the growing months. Her son lives in Connecticut, and her grandson and his wife are in Richmond. Rita has been in touch with her college roommate, **Helen Tracy Totura.**

Betty Randolph Jones Clement lives in Perrysburg, Ohio, and has been a widow for 12 years. She has three sons and one daughter, in various locations across the United States – Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan and Washington state and five granddaughters.

Catherine Newberry Trevillian has lived in Wytheville, Va., for nearly 54 years. She plays golf and bridge, and works with the bloodmobile and a local food pantry. She keeps in touch with **Joey Potts Coleman '44**, her roommate the last two years at Mary Washington.

Charlotte Hawthorne Cheatham still plays the piano for fashion shows in the fall and spring at her club, the Ginter Park Women's Club, in Richmond. Her former roommate, **Ethel Wilson Rogers**, lives in a retirement home in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. After Ethel retired from teaching, she did a great deal of traveling. She has three daughters.

Ellen Johnson Coleman, of Chestertown, Md., retired from teaching 30 years ago, but is very active with the Red Cross and volunteers at the local hospital and nursing home. She sees **Irene Noble Frey** frequently and often hears from **Carol Clarke Graves,** who lives in Richmond. Ellen reported that **Barbara Tillinghast Jones** was quite ill.

Flora Copenhaver Scott of Chilhowie, Va., spent a week at Callaway Gardens, Ga., in March with her niece. **Frances Rector Steagall** and daughter Susan drove up from Ozark, Ala., to join them.

Anne Mason Gall sings in her church choir in Anaheim, Calif., and remains very busy with her writing. She wrote *Practice Exercises in Reading and Written Language*, which is used throughout California public schools. Her new book is *Visions and Verses.*

Jewel Spencer Marvin is moving to another house, but will still be living in Port St. Lucie, Fla. She and husband, Edward, keep busy with various activities, including traveling. They have been on several cruises. They spend each Christmas in Martinsville, Va., with members of her family, and get away in the summer to Michigan and Colorado to visit Ed's family. She would like to get in touch with her Mary Washington roommate **Mary Jo Ward Llewellyn**. Can anyone help her?

Alma Kirkpatrick Howell has two great-grandchildren. **Evelyn Squier Brandt** spends winters in Florida and the rest of the year in New Jersey. She has had her second knee replacement and walks without pain. Her grandson graduated from Mary Washington in 2001. Evelyn keeps in touch with former roommate **Mary Turnley Burnett**.

Ann Middleton Kelly is active in volunteer work, plays cards, takes trips and belongs to a garden club. After her husband's death, she sold the old homestead in Aberdeen, Md., and bought a little house in town. She hears from **Evelyn Sheads Appleton,** who lives in Florida, and frequently sees **Jane Edmonds Ford '47**.

We have news from **Peggy Draper Eckenrode** all the way from Australia. A few years after her husband's death, Peggy moved to a nearby retirement home in a suburb of the city of Adelaide. Peggy decided to stay in Australia because her three children have married and have homes there.

Please continue to send your news. Do you have a brief "Memory Moment" you would like to share? For example: Remember when Fredericksburg was virtually without water? Dr. Combs gave us suggestions on how to cope, but I remember only one – use a little extra perfume before going to class!

1944

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From outgoing Class Agent **Nettie Evans Lawrey**:

It was a chilly and rainy weekend,

but about 20 of us arrived at Mary Washington around noon on Friday, June 4. Even though some classmates had to cancel, we were very excited about seeing the old friends who made it for our 60th. Because she was experiencing severe back pain, **Marilyn Price Heady** had to immediately fly home to New York to see her doctor. **Elizabeth Phillips Roe**'s new grandchild was being christened at her house that weekend, and the entire family would be there. **Bertha "Mac" McPhail Johnson** had hoped to come, but was still recuperating from hip replacement surgery. **Merle Updike Davis** sent an e-mail saying she was thinking back to June 1944. She sent best wishes to all members of the class. We missed all of you who could not make it.

Christine Vassar Crute and **Jean DeShazo Flemer** co-chaired our class event and party. They did a tremendous job and put a lot of work into it. They called many of you to see how you are and what you are doing. They arranged a dinner for us on Friday and had more good food for the class meeting. They also arranged with Hampton Inn for us to use their hospitality room as our central meeting place. This was great! **Nancy Duval Andrews** presented everyone with a beautiful fan and a poem that read:

"We were enlightened by professors
And friendships with the girls.
So now we have earned peace and quiet.
Open this fan with smiles and tears
And rock with memories —
An MWC girl you'll always be
From now to eternity."

Jean then continued our class meeting with the election of officers for the next five years. **Elizabeth "Jean" Wade Otte** and **Dorothy Drake Grothusen** volunteered to co-chair our class activities at the next reunion in five years.

In other news, **Jean Adie Mogavero** reported that she had read Dr. Alvey's history of Mary Washington College. Amazed by all the research that went into it, she said it was a trip back in time. **Ruth Samuel "Sammie" Legnini** is trying to readjust following the death of her husband, Rom. While there are many great memories, she has no desire to travel as she once did.

Virginia Hawley Butler said the most exciting thing to happen in her family was the birth of her third great-grandson. She gets to see him often because his family lives nearby. Virginia went to Scottsdale, Ariz., last fall with her daughter and husband. Last Christmas, she enjoyed her annual trip to New York City with five friends. They saw *Beauty and the Beast* and went to the Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall, but the real excitement was getting stranded at LaGuardia Airport when the big snow hit the East Coast. They spent two nights there trying to sleep in their chairs.

Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy spent last Christmas in Seattle with her children. **Elizabeth Cumby Murray** and family are busy doing interesting things and having a good time. **Frances Tracy** has had a pacemaker installed and was absolutely enthralled by this little thing about the size of the smallest Post-it note. **Virginia Pumphrey Webb** welcomed the rainy weather and a road-widening project, which brought sidewalks to her neighborhood. She also tackled home-improvement projects.

Jane Brownley Thomas' son passed away. She says they are coping, but it is very hard to bury a child. **Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris** has had some health problems. **Frances Plunkett Knox** and Bill have moved from their lake home to be near their three children in the Twin Cities.

As for me, I have done some sightseeing around Washington, D.C. – toured Hillwood Gardens, went to see *The Producers* at the Kennedy Center and visited the new World War II Memorial. I have enjoyed being your Class Agent and have loved all the mail I received. I only ask that you remain as loyal to Phyllis. Fond regards to everyone.

1945

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Mary Hunter Stern moved to the upper West Side of Manhattan to be closer to two of her three children. It may be hard to believe, but Mary says New York is a more convenient and stimulating environment for seniors than some suburban areas in which she previously lived. A car is not needed since everything is within one block of her apartment. Meals are served in the cafeteria-style dining room and various activities keep her busy. She enjoys being part of a large extended family. Once a year, Mary visits two sisters in Boydton, Va., which is being preserved as a historic county seat.

Elizabeth "Lib" Owen Boozer has been a widow since 1980. She has two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lura Korth Gillis reported from Clearwater, Fla., that she was well and happy following two open-heart surgeries. Her daughter, Jean, is a Mary Washington alumna and lives close by, as do two granddaughters. Lura keeps in touch with **Margie Storms "Jerse" Reddoch**, also a Floridian. Jerse and her husband celebrated their 59th anniversary in June. Their biggest concern was where their grandson would be assigned after graduation from West Point.

Senior High

Fear of falling is foremost on the mind of **Roberta Newton '69**. She's not worried so much about losing her own footing; this 57-year-old Philadelphian is concerned about the falls of other people – specifically senior citizens.

She assesses their mobility and advises them regarding risk factors. She conducts balance and vision tests on elderly residents and talks to them about being cautious and remaining active.

A physical therapy professor at Temple University and a renowned researcher on geriatric issues, Newton views her calling as "helping people age successfully."

During her younger days when she was attending Fredericksburg schools, Newton wasn't thinking about the aging process. Even at that time, though, she was interested in the brain – about how it works and how it controls movement. A seventh-grade science teacher inspired her, she said.

Because she grew up in town, Newton added, going to Mary Washington was a no-brainer. "I was the first in my family to go to college…it was a given I would go close to home."

For her, Mary Washington offered a rich academic environment that served as launching pad for a career in the sciences. "Mary Washington provided me with strong women role models," Newton said, singling out the late Dr. Anna "Scotty" Hoye, a biology professor. "At MWC, I was able to become a leader."

A leader Newton has remained. She recently earned a distinction awarded to only a handful of women and an even smaller number of non-physicians: induction into the prestigious Philadelphia College of Physicians. She also has been named a fellow in the Gerontology Society of America.

From Mary Washington, Newton went on to Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia, where she earned a doctorate in neurophysiology, followed by a degree in physical therapy. She taught physical therapy and conducted research at MCV until 1989. From there, she went to Temple, where she helped start a Ph.D. program in physical therapy. She is now in her 31st year of teaching.

In addition to teaching in both the School of Medicine and the College of Health Professions at Temple, Newton serves as associate director of the Temple University Institute on Aging and as regional coordinator of Pennsylvania's Gerontology Education Center.

Her résumé includes 17 pages of publications she has authored or co-authored and national and international presentations she has given. It also includes three and a half pages of funded grants with which she has been involved. The vast majority concern preventing falls among the elderly.

Why all the attention to keeping senior citizens on their feet? It's not only a quality of life issue, Newton said; it's a life-or-death issue. One-third of all elderly patients hospitalized with hip fractures die within a year, she said. Cost is a factor, too. Within 15 years, she added, the nationwide tab for health care associated with falls will top $27 billion.

More than anything else, though, one question drives Newton. "How can we maintain a high quality of life for seniors?"

– Anna Barron Billingsley

Lillian King Everett recently returned from a cruise to the Caribbean Islands. **Mary Lou Conover Miller** and Bob are busy, healthy and happy. During the winter, they experienced a climate shock traveling from their home in Palm Desert, Calif., to Boise, Iowa, to take care of their 5-year-old grandson while his parents vacationed in the Bahamas. Mary Lou plays bridge and golf and is in charge of decorating her church for Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas services. Their son, Peter, who lives in Virginia, is editor of the *National Geographic Quarterly*. Another son, Bob, and his family have moved to Palm Desert, near Mary Lou and Bob.

It has been a very difficult and stressful year for **Elinor McClellan Cox DeCamp**. Her husband, John, passed away after nine months in a nursing home. In addition, her son had successful bypass surgery for artery blockage. Elinor plans to remain in her home in Indiana with her dog Max.

Christine Brauer Krausse and Spott enjoyed visiting with Chris' three sisters in Port Charlotte, Fla. Chris also organized a church bus tour to the Golden Isles of Georgia. Other trips included a visit with daughter Carolyn in Huntsville, Ala., and to Spott's family reunion in Florida.

Gloria Post Goodsell sent a picture of her beautiful white Persian cat, Willie Bonita. She and Roger highly recommend pet therapy. Gloria has a very responsible job in her church – she is president of the United Methodist Women. It is time-consuming but rewarding, with emphasis on missions. Gloria is well-qualified; we remember her leadership abilities when she served as president of our senior class and coordinator of our many reunions.

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl are just "rocking along" with the same activities in their church, giving tours and traveling. Carl enjoys his status as senior member of the men and boys' choir of All Saints Church in Richmond. Grace is helping to write a history of Collegiate School, where she started her teaching career and continues to volunteer in the library one day a week. Grace recently came across a letter written by Dr. Alvey in 1945 recommending her and **Virginia "Jinny" Gunn Blanton** for teaching jobs in Hawaii. Their plans were vetoed by both sets of parents.

Phyllis Plante Sugrue lives in Dover, N.H., but plans to move back to Massachusetts to be near her children. Her husband died four years ago. Phyllis would love to hear from her friends.

Dorothy Potts "Skip" Taylor and Wally decided not to go to Florida last winter, and it proved to be a good decision. Skip suffered a long bout with laryngitis and bronchitis, followed by successful carpal tunnel surgery on her left hand. In the spring, she was scheduled for the same surgery on her right hand. In between these nuisances, she and Wally drove to New England to visit relatives in New Hampshire. Their exciting family news was that another great-grandchild was due in August and an adopted grandchild would soon join the family. Skip and Wally's daughter, Nancy, was undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for cancer, but they are optimistic about her prognosis.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick are as active as age permits. Their daughter and her family live with them. During a recent visit with their son in North Carolina, they attended a scholarship dinner at Meredith College honoring Betsy's mother. **Mary Boynton Goodloe Hargraves** and her husband visited the Egglestons as they traveled to and from Canada and Florida.

There are six other active Mary Washington graduates in Betsy's church: **Betty Strader Shamburger '48** (Betsy's sister-in-law), **Trudie Lucile Pope Midyette '49**, **Nora Bryant Monroe '47**, **Carlene Mitchell Bass '54**, **Ida Gregory Saunders '38** and **Ann White Leonard '45**. Another class member, **Frances Stebbins Shelton**, lives in Ashland, Va.

Adrienne Herbert Smith Doll '44 is settled in a Santa Barbara, Calif., retirement community, which accommodates her cats. **Jeanne Shade Bott** lives in a retirement community in Martinsville, Va.

Trudy Kramer Larsen lives in Dallas near her grandchildren. Her two sons live in Houston and Richmond. Her husband died soon after their move from North Carolina to Texas.

Janet Keefer Wurmstich also lost her husband. She moved from Virginia Beach to New Jersey to be close to her family. **Ann White Leonard** has recovered from back surgery. She is a volunteer at the regional hospital and the Ashland Christian Emergency Services.

From San Diego, **Virginia Ricker Hall** sent news that nothing much had changed since she last wrote except that as a result of being a year older, it takes more time to do things around the house and in the yard. She retired after 21 years as a Red Cross volunteer. Virginia continues her travels around the states; she recently enjoyed a stay on Catalina Island and was looking forward to a train trip to Montana and a visit to the Laguna Arts Festival in California. Virginia hears from one roommate, **Wilma L. Clore**, but has lost touch with **Mary Rita O'Rourke**. Can anyone give an update on her?

It has been a rather quiet year for **Hilda Chrisman Pendleton** and Willard. There was no cruise this year since their favorite ship is no longer in operation, but they enjoyed short visits with family and friends in Virginia.

Elizabeth "Bets" Roberts Johnson, **Anne Dawideit Dickinson** and **Lois French Lockhart**, with their husbands, met for lunch last May and enjoyed a long, happy time reminiscing. Anne still works in her husband's business in Fredericksburg and is active in her church, politics and community volunteerism such as Meals on Wheels. Lois moved to Bridgewater to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Bets is active in church work and likes to garden. She is no longer able to drive due to eye problems. Bets' close college friend, **Yvonne Thompson Errickson '44** passed away.

I mistakenly reported in the summer '04 issue that **Dorothy "Dot" Arrington Trivett's** husband had passed away. I contacted Dot and apologized, and she was very understanding. However, he did pass away on June 19, 2004.

Jack and I are thankful for our blessings every day. Our activities are much the same as when I last wrote. There have been some health problems, but we keep going and find pleasure in our family, church programs, friends and cat Teddy.

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A group of classmates met last April for an extended lunch at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. The group included **Mim Riggs Gay**, **Elizabeth Sullivan Vaughan**, **Sallie Scott**, **Lois Davis Minetree**, **Betty Lou Loftis Bailey**, **Janice Worsley Mayberry**, **Vivian Wilkerson**, **Mickey Dixon Sullivan**, **"Libba" Harrison Leitch** and **Dot Miller**. Not ones to give up a good party, Betty Lou, Libba and Sallie (who keep in touch almost daily) spent the night at the Jefferson and continued the party with Lois and Dot.

Mim writes that all were looking good and feeling great – a few canes and a few joint replacements, but very alert and astute. We did remember how much **Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan** and **Liz Sharpe** did for our 50th reunion, and noted that our 60th is coming up.

Carolyn Rohr Huebner and husband John journeyed to Waddington, England, last December to attend the wedding of their son. Afterward, Carolyn and John enjoyed a two-week vacation in Pompano Beach, Fla. Carolyn was also invited by **Lillie Turman's '36** sister to attend a memorial service for Miss Turman in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Miss Turman died last December. Carolyn also recently visited with **Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan**, her former roommate.

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe reported that her daughter Marcia had come several times to visit her in Oklahoma. Marcia's son, Rob, completed his undergraduate degree at Southern Nazarene University and is now working on an MBA.

Frances Holsclaw Brown passed away in August 2003. We send our deepest sympathy to her family.

Sue Vick Warren writes that she and George have had some problems but feel fortunate they are able to stay in their home and keep on their feet. Hurricane Isabel did major damage to their home; however, all has been repaired. George III is still in the Washington, D.C., area. Francis is now working in Alabama.

Helen Rasmussen Wallace writes that despite some medical problems, she and husband Jack are fine. Time flies! Has it really been 62 years since we first roomed together?

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Anne Barbour Carvil and husband Jack of Virginia Beach enjoyed a visit with **Anne Harris Carroll** and husband Bob of West Hartford, Conn. **Aileen Robbins Heflin '48** also came and the three roommates (who had not seen each other in 59 years since their freshman days) had a ball catching up. Aileen sold her house in Richmond and moved to Newport News to be near her daughter.

Anne, Anne and Aileen had a four-way conversation with **Nancy Odin McIntyre** of West Hartford, the fourth roommate in a corner room at Willard. Anne and Aileen see each other often and chat on the telephone frequently. They both hear from Nancy and **Marion "Mim" Newell Josephs** from San Diego at Christmas.

Anne also reported that she saw some Mary Washington alumni at the Hampton High School 60th reunion in September 2003. Attending were **Carolyn Johnson Lingenfelser** and **Ann Johnson Behm**, Dorothy McMenamin Phillips and **Barbara Gustafson Baker**, who came down from Long Island.

1948

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I can't resist starting with my wonderful news. If you have your 1948 *Battlefield* handy, turn to page 186. You will see a picture of me and Earle Dunford, my college beau. My sister, Ann, married his brother, "Doot," so Earle and I have been together at gatherings for the last 50 years. It seemed so natural to be going out with him again, after our similar sadness. Last November, he and I were married and headed to London for our wedding trip.

I had the happy opportunity to introduce him to many friends from the years Salty and I had visited England. We have many happy plans for a very busy future.

Jane Howard Patrick traveled to Sicily in 2003, and to Holland and Belgium during tulip time this year. **Jean Krug Robertson** and her husband regularly visit their four children and eight grandchildren who live in Texas, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia Beach. They also keep up with Virginia Tech home football games. In March, they took a Caribbean cruise. Jean frequently meets **Betty Trout Marshall** in Williamsburg.

Kitty Glazier Livengood lost her husband in February. She has lived in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., for 40 years, and her two daughters and six grandchildren all live in the state. **Anne Cavedo Davis** died this past winter.

Anne Barnes Baugh volunteers to register voters and help with assignments for the Democratic Party. She is active in the League of Women Voters and mail analysis at the White House. She goes to the gym three mornings a week, plays bridge and golf, and reads novels. Anne was planning a trip to Virginia Beach this summer and a trip in the fall to the Scandinavian countries.

A prayer for peace came from **Frances Belman Haddock**, whose family lost a young man to the Iraq conflict. She stays very busy with church work, family and bridge.

Melanie Norris Steane spends summers in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where she and her husband own a hotel, and they winter on Sanibel Island. Her three girls and their families live in Maine; her son is in Vail, Colo.

Pat Maguire Bilodeau and husband Ken continue to enjoy retirement and are always looking forward to the next trip. They went to St. Maarten in April, then Egypt and Jordan. One of Pat's granddaughters is volunteering for a year in South Africa, and the other is a graduate student at Tufts.

When the General Assembly meets in Richmond each spring, **Marjorie Batty Hill** accompanies her husband, who does interviews for the Cable Association. This year they invited **Robbie Carter Doswell '47** and husband Billy to join them for dinner. They recently saw **Gwen Simmons Meredith** and her husband, and also had a weekend in Danville in the fall visiting **Elizabeth "Betsy" Robertson**. Betsy had a luncheon for them and Barnes, with **Ellen Dyer Davis** in attendance. Ellen wrote that she has had a complete knee replacement and is doing well. She is an avid duplicate bridge player and is helping a novice group with the game. She sees **Norvell Milner Thomson** several times a year.

Sarah Wilson Estep, now widowed, is about to be published again. *Roads to Eternity* is a follow-up to *Voices of Eternity*, first published by Fawcett/Ballantine in 1988. Sarah has been in good health and lives in a senior community, Heritage Harbor, in Annapolis. She went to Reno, Nev., in June, where she lectured at a national conference and taught a workshop.

Carolyn Bolling Sergeant is founder of the Knoxville Opera and a hospital volunteer. She celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary in Acapulco and visited Naples, Fla. Her husband chairs the International Committee for Rotary International to eradicate polio around the world. Her three children are in Richmond (I taught one grandchild), Georgia and Seattle. Carolyn is in contact with **Ellie Brackett Buse** and Inez North Johnson.

Happily married for 53 years, **Mary Bondurant Stevens** has two daughters and two granddaughters. She is recovering from total hip replacement. Mary keeps up with **Martha Warriner Dodson** and **Jeanne Reifsnyder Wiseman**. Jeanne has a daughter who teaches computer skills to children with learning difficulties, as well as three sons who are military officers.

CAROLYN BOLLING SERGEANT '48 IS FOUNDER OF THE KNOXVILLE OPERA AND A HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER. HER HUSBAND CHAIRS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TO ERADICATE POLIO AROUND THE WORLD.

Jean McClarin Jones, mother of four and grandmother of three, is living with her married daughter, Caroline, in Colorado, where she reads, quilts, embroiders, travels, and volunteers at her church. She is actively interested in church missions, national politics, symphony and opera. Jean's travel destinations have included Israel, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Russia, Mexico, Great Britain and Ireland. She was planning a late summer visit to Alaska.

Ruth Sargent Campbell feels young and cherished by three devoted sons who helped her through medical treatments at Johns Hopkins. She divides her time between homes in New Hampshire and Florida. She is involved in volunteer work and plays violin in a community orchestra.

Helen Lowe Eliason is still involved with garden preservation, adult education scholarships and children's literacy. She is in contact with **Claire Braun Burrows**, who continues to paint despite health problems.

Laura Wright Nottingham is in good health and active at her Eastern Shore home. She stays involved with a bridge club and church choir, teaches Sunday school, works out and reads. She is a widow and the mother of three. Last year, she went on a bus tour with **Peggy Elsasser Moring.**

Elva Welday Newdome was awaiting the birth of twin grandchildren. She is a private violin teacher and both of her daughters are professional violinists. One of them played solo at Carnegie Hall this spring. Elva stays in touch with **Evelyn Sweet Vance** and **Ruth Sargent Campbell.**

Virginia Wilson Monroe has corrected my earlier report. She did not break her hip at reunion time last year, but had surgeries, company and an overcrowded schedule that prevented her from attending. She visits family in Fredericksburg a couple of times a year and planned a trip to Pennsylvania and the Smokies during the summer. Virginia works out six days a week to keep the artificial knees working. She teaches Bible classes at a retirement home, spends time with four college grandchildren, and volunteers at the Habitat thrift shop.

Miriam Whitley "Whickey" Knight's first grandchild was married at The Homestead last January. In February, Whickey visited Hawaii and in March, she played croquet in Palm Beach. She sees **Mabel "Mabs" Royar Loflin**, but not often enough.

Katherine "Kitty" Kennedy Clark lives in Alexandria, Va. Until recently she had been very active in the arts, civic activities and politics.

Barbara Longaker Yowell's granddaughter graduated from Mary Washington in the spring. As a freshman, LeaAnna lived in the same dorm room that Barbara had been in.

Sarah Armstrong Worman's husband, Ho, continues to fight many illnesses with the help of the wonderful medical staff at U.Va. Daughter Mignon's marriage brought her to Richmond. Sarah has a grandson at the Naval Academy and a granddaughter at Case Western Reserve University. She is out of the stock market and into investments in townhouses and condos, renting only to U.Va. graduate students.

Carol Byrd Williamson still lives across the street from Sarah, and **Sandy Graves Shiflett** comes to visit Byrd often. Sarah talks frequently with **Ann Buckles Orteig '49** and **Ann Bradley Guerrant '47**, e-mails **Ashby Griffin Mitchell**, and tried to meet with **Alice "Cass" Cassriel Whitman** recently when in Arizona; unfortunately, they never connected.

Betsy Robertson sings with a group in Danville, Va., called the Heartstrings. She belongs to two book clubs and a bridge club, plays duplicate bridge, serves on three church committees, volunteers at a free clinic, and is a member of the board of a local community foundation.

Still keeping the farm records and managing the summer help on the farm, **Nancy Salisbury Ellis** has finally retired from the real estate business. She also keeps active in her local Methodist Church and in the activities of N.J. Farm Bureau Women and the Mercer County Board of Agriculture. She and Walt have children in California and New Jersey, and were expecting the "California eight" last summer for a visit. She spent two weeks in Florida during winter.

Peggy Tuck Middleton has been traveling with friends on various Elderhostel tours, the most recent one being to France during the start of the Iraqi war a year ago. They were wary, but determined to finish the trip. This year, they signed up for an Elderhostel to San Antonio and next year to New Orleans. One granddaughter is at U.Va.; the other is graduating from high school. In celebration, Peggy planned to take the girls and their mother on a trip to Hawaii this summer.

Betty Meade Thornton has temporarily slowed down following knee surgery, but is doing nicely and hoped to visit relatives in Charlottesville this summer.

This has been a sad year for **Ann Scott**, who wrote from Sarasota, Fla. She lost her niece, a namesake, the week before Christmas last year and her best friend the day before. On a happier note, she has acquired a Yorkshire terrier.

Marjorie Selvage Stone had a wonderful family reunion last Christmas with son Glenn and his wife, both of whom teach at Washington University. Their teenage children and Marjorie's other sons - Ted from Virginia and Rick from California – were also there. During the summer, she spent time at her mountain retreat near Amherst, Va., where she enjoys sitting on the porch reading fiction. **Betty Bond Heller Nichols '49** drove over the mountains from Lexington, Va., for a visit at Marj's farmhouse.

Natalie Klein has moved back to Frederick, Md. **Ethel Chrisman** sent a note advising us of the death of **Carol Fittin Crane,** who died of complications from Parkinson's disease. Carol had retired from a distinguished teaching career in the New Jersey school system.

Lois Saunier Hornsby, **Helen Compton '40**, **Carol Byrd Williamson** and **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett** reunited at the Biltmore in Asheville, N.C., in August for a Bruce Hornsby concert. **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** is still busy with local, district and state Garden Club affiliations, and co-chaired the state convention in April at Ingleside in Staunton.

Lillian Lauer Marshall has not traveled recently because of rotator cuff operations on both shoulders within

the past year. Lillian keeps in touch with many Mary Washington friends, including **Emily Lynch Fairchild**, **Mildred Reed Thomas**, **Gerry White**, **Lorraine Mock** and **Virginia Wilson Monroe**.

Lillian already is looking forward to our 60th reunion in 2008, which will coincide with the 100th anniversary of Mary Washington.

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Sadly, we must report the loss of two more classmates. Shortly before our 55th reunion, we learned of the death of **Helen Jean Clark Haynie**, of Lively, Va. Those who attended our fabulous 50th will remember the presence of double alumni **Beatrice VanName Whittle** and her husband, **Donald Whittle '51.** Bea died last year; our sympathy goes to Don. Also, our heartfelt sympathy to **Jo Wilson Hiers**, who lost her husband.

This was the first reunion missed by **Anne McCaskill Libis** and **Lucy Vance Gilmer**. Anne and Claude left early this year for their summer place in Maine, as extensive repairs needed their attention. Lucy had written earlier that she wouldn't attempt the long drive from Bristol, Va.

Kate Mayo Schmidt and Bill were absent because Bill's cataract surgery did not go as well as expected. Earlier this year, the Schmidts gave identical memorial scholarships to Mary Washington and the University of Houston, their respective alma maters.

Barbara Watson Barden and Bob celebrated their 50th anniversary with a festive dinner dance in Maine. They could not attend the reunion because youngest son Stuart, his wife and baby son were visiting from California. **Dolores Ross** was in Prague, Budapest and Poland, so she couldn't make the reunion. Nor could **Theresa Saunders**, who had already accepted an invitation to attend a 50th anniversary reunion in Westmoreland County, where she was a teacher and counselor for 40 years.

Dorothy Desmond Helfrich and **Lavinia Ash Stuart** also missed Reunion Weekend. Dot and Lavinia have shared many trips during the last three years, traveling to Canada, South Carolina, New York, San Francisco and Oregon. In May, they drove to Emmitsburg, Md., to meet their Mary Washington suitemate, **Phyllis Bower**, whom they hadn't seen since 1956. Phyllis, who lives in Denver, was in Maryland for a family reunion.

Reunion coordinator **Andi Dulany Lyons** tied up the loose ends before departing in mid-May for a voyage on the Queen Mary II to London, Paris and Normandy. She returned just in time for the festivities. During the weekend, **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** reported that the class scholarship as of June 30, 2003, was valued at $27,959 with an award amount of $1,450 for the 2003-04 academic year. **Betty Fischer Gore** and **Mary Elwang Sharpley** then reported our annual gift to Mary Washington. We were overjoyed to hear that we had 48 percent participation for our all-time high of $135,000! We were second only to the Class of '64 in amount and percentage for 2003-04, largely owing to generous donations from **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill, **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and Les, and other caring classmates.

Other classmates who could not be with us included **Elizabeth Barnes Hornsby**, whose daughter was in the hospital following extensive surgery; **Mary Jane Armsworthy Barr**, who had an illness in her family; and **Joan Rekemeyer Kibbe**, who was having health problems.

After class business was completed, it was time for fun and games! Appropriate awards were presented to those with perfect reunion attendance, the Forever Friends: **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon** (whose husband, Fred, served as a 49er chauffeur all weekend, along with Jane Spangler's husband, Bob), **Dottie Booker Pinkham**, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** and **Jane Yeatman Spangler**. Another faithful reunion attendee is **Erma Whitaker Bockoven**, who brought her husband, Frederic. **Betty Fischer Gore** and **Mary Elwang Sharpley** received tokens for their work with our class, and we were especially pleased that they agreed to coordinate our 60th reunion in 2009. **Christine "Tina" Dunnavant Ridgwell** and **Virginia "Ginny" White** earned prizes for stories of their encounters with Mrs. Bushnell. Another memento went to **Gwen Brubaker Connell**, Jane Spangler's freshman roommate, who was attending her first reunion. Decorations in honor of the Fabulous Forty-Niners were provided by **June Davis McCormick**.

Andi received an engraved keepsake for her special efforts as reunion coordinator. She and June re-upped as Class Agents for another five years, God willing!

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Connie Metzger Verlander and Joe, from Altamonte Spring, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They also spent time on Sanibel Island and Cocoa Beach. Their family organized their yearly fireworks display.

Clelia Boushee Bullard in Jacksonville, Fla., and her family are having health problems, unfortunately. Clelia was diagnosed with low-grade lymphoma and her condition is being monitored. Husband Ray continues to have heart problems and was scheduled for further treatment. Daughter Molly was undergoing breast cancer treatments.

Jackie Newell Recker and Len in Ponte Vedra, Fla., had a quiet year as Len had an eye operation. They did manage a South American cruise.

Garland "Dorsey" Estes McCarthy from Humble, Texas, took trips to Aruba and the Caymans. She and her daughter visited the Mary Washington campus in October 2003.

From Jekyll Island, Ga., **Gerry Boswell Griffin** reported that her travels this year included a short tour of the mountains of West Virginia, which featured a jet boat ride and a tour of the formerly secret relocation shelter at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs.

Virginia Hardy Vance is researching her Virginia relatives and is sure that she is distantly related to some of our classmates. Husband Paul had a pacemaker implanted without any problems. In Benzonia, Mich., **Rosemary Miller** is assistant conductor of her church choir and the local symphony. Her 75th birthday was celebrated with her brother, sister and cousins, and their families.

Nell Grieve Swanson and "Swanee" celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer. Nell was hoping to meet with **Betty Gavett Breeden** in San Diego. Betty did meet with Joe, **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** and Jim in March. Lloydie's granddaughter's synchronized ice skating team from Western Michigan University was competing in San Diego for the national championships. Lloydie is active in the Women's Club in State College, Pa. "Gavett's" recent news was that she had a bilateral total knee replacement just before the holidays last year.

Barbara and Jim also lunched with the late **Rachel Morgenthaler**'s husband, Skip. He is living in Maryland and Florida and keeps up with his friends and family in various locations; of course, he really misses "Nickey."

Nat Wilton in Bellevue, Wash., contacts **Mary Cottingham Hardy Warren** from time to time. Back surgery kept **Elsie Davidson Floyd** close to home in Buena Vista, Va., last year, but things are better now and she was looking forward to the wedding of her grandson in Richmond. She still keeps up with some of her church activities. She hears from **Margaret Smith Emmons** occasionally.

Nan Riley Pointer and Joe had a 12-day cruise in August 2003 to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Germany and Russia.

Billie Mitchell Hanes in Virginia Beach lost power during Hurricane Isabel, but neighbors organized nightly potluck suppers by candlelight. Billie has had eye problems – wet macular degeneration at its worst – but has had four surgeries to restore some of her peripheral vision. Her dear Mary Washington friends **Marcy Weatherly Morris**, **Anne "Ozzie" Osborn Cox**, **Bobbie Booker Palmer** and **Nat Wilton** were all very supportive with cards and phone calls during this time. She and Dick have eight grandchildren; Marcy and Juney have seven great-grandchildren!

Horse show season kept **Carol Bailey Miller** busy. Unfortunately, husband Bill has been having health problems.

Marge Diener Knapp and Fred downsized to a condo in West Chester, Pa. Marge had a heart attack in 2001, but is doing well and remains active in her church and with Meals on Wheels.

In Bethlehem, Pa., **Mary Mount Lind** was hoping to get together with **Eleanor Sullivan Lewis,** who lives in Allentown. Mary and Dick traveled to Eastern Europe recently.

Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader and Bill's daughter was married last October. Barbara and Bill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August and have been doing some home refurbishing. Barb is still in real estate appraising.

Jean Sprower Hampton and **Ruth Maynard Nuhn** had a great lunch get-together in Old Saybrook, Conn. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl had a wonderful 50th anniversary in which all their family members took part.

I had an interesting experience while touring the Daniel Boone Homestead in Pennsylvania: Our tour guide turned out to be a 2001 Mary Washington graduate.

I end with a few words of sympathy to the families of our most recent deceased members: **Shirley Cole Schleter**, **Beth Dawideit Gravatt** and **Julia Ould Geiger**. It is always sad to hear about the passing of our dear friends.

1951

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Our condolences go out to **Lorraine Frantz Foulds**, **Elizabeth Fitzgerald Braden** and **Helen Crittenden Burrell**, all of whom have lost their husbands.

1952

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Do you remember the bridge games we played in the dorms? Some of us continue to play. **Marjorie Gibson Blaxill**, who lives in Princeton, N.J., has attained "Life Master" in competitive bridge. I teach adult bridge classes in Summit County, Colo., and **Susan Hutcheson**

Jergens of Gordonsville, Va., plays in three bridge clubs.

Susan and her husband recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their two daughters and sons-in-law. Attending the reception were **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove** from Ashland, Va.; **Carol Oliver Headlee** of Richmond; and **Mary Lou Finney Boyd** of Stevensville, Md.

Nancy Moxley Stone and her husband welcomed **Nancy Stump Motley** and her husband, Kenneth, to their house in Eustis, Fla. Nancy also visited **Shirley Bowman Stotts** at the Stotts home on Smith Mountain Lake. Nancy and her husband have a grandson at James Madison University, and another grandson who just finished high school in Columbia, S.C.

Joyce Long Moore did not make our 50th reunion because she was caring for her father, who passed away last year at the age of 96. However, she was able to enjoy a cruise to the western Caribbean in February. She stays busy with church work, serving as treasurer of the day care board, and researching her ancestors.

Anne Beck Macfarlane lives in Roanoke, Va. She has four children scattered all over the United States, and six grandsons. After replacement of a shoulder and a hip last year, she is back on the tennis court.

Anne Hart Martin and husband Bill studied Spanish in Spain, Uruguay and Chile. Anne enjoys volunteer work in connection with the Art Institute of Chicago.

Nancy Cundey Peacock and her husband returned to their Williamsburg, Va., home after spending three months in Newport Beach, Calif. Nancy has talked to **Eleanor Michelet Mulbry**, who lives in Saratoga, Calif.

Nancy Parker Richardson had a gall bladder operation last summer and a broken hip from a fall on New Year's Eve, but she was able to see granddaughter Brittany graduate from high school in the spring. Nancy planned to move back to Virginia Beach in the fall. **Mimi Bruce McCombie** moved to a new condo on the waterfront in Virginia Beach.

1953

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Ute Buseman Reid has three children and seven grandchildren. She received a master's degree in 1955 in medical microbiology, and worked as a bacteriological researcher and chemistry teacher. She and William now live in Marco Island, Fla., and travel as much as possible.

Florence "Sissy" Irvin Kintzing taught P.E. and coached volleyball for 27 years in the Clarkstown district of the New York school system. She and husband Dave have two children and three grandsons.

Newcomers to Arizona are **Martha "Marti" Hoke Harris** and husband Thad. They are 3,000 feet above sea level in the Green Valley, 23 miles south of Tucson. They appreciate the calm traffic as well as the desert flora and fauna and the mountain views. **Peggy Snellings Rampersad** moved from Chicago to Fredericksburg in 2000, but enjoys returning to Chicago often to visit her daughter, a lawyer. Peggy is now trying to live a life in art and very much likes painting and drawing. Her artist friends from Mary Washington, **Ann Dewitt Harvey** and **Lois Andrews Jordan '52**, encourage her.

Mary Frances Gaylord Loy paints and teaches her craft as well. Her husband is also a painter and teacher. They have two daughters and three granddaughters, one recently adopted from Romania. Daughter Jessica Loy recently published a children's camping book, *Follow the Trail.* Daughter Alyson lives in the Boston area, where she is a teacher and filmmaker.

Still teaching piano and playing tennis is **Sally Hammett Davis**. She is also starting a class in electronic keyboard at a senior citizens center. Sally and husband Robert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last spring. They received cards from **Betty Anderson Buck** and **Martha Virginia "Ginny" Bailes**. Ginny is back in Strasburg, Va. She is still in touch with her original roommates: **Pat Saunders**, **Kitty Garland Obenshain** and **Betty Anderson Buck**.

Barbara Fasick Wittstock writes that after 48 years of marriage, she and her Swiss husband have decided to part ways. Barbara earned a master's degree in business administration and economics. She spent her life volunteering in community schools, and now teaches the elderly how to use computers. Barbara has three daughters, a son and six grandsons.

Living on picturesque Skidaway Island, Ga., is **Mary-Nelson Coleman Hoornstra**. She enjoys the beauty of the tides and sunsets. Mary had sad news – she lost her husband, Paul, last April.

Jean Kimball Gray is in her dream vacation/retirement home on Kentucky Lake, Ky. She plays tennis three times a week and plays golf when she can. She also plays handbells for her church, is active in the Emmaus community and serves on the Jackson Purchase Dance Company board of directors. Sadly, Jean's youngest daughter was killed two years ago, causing a huge void in her life. She was the administrator of the health care facility that Jean owns. Jean says she and her other two daughters and son have survived the terrible loss. The two oldest of Jean's seven grandchildren are in college.

1954

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From outgoing Class Agent **Vera Bestwick Willis**:

Ruth Gillespie Simpson was so pleased to see **Carolyn Osborne Jenkins** at the reunion; Carolyn had been on the "lost" list. **Nancy Hoffman Eidman** and **Edwina Wright Blackenbaker** were sorry they had to miss the reunion.

Gladys Robbins Bryant's mother died in 2001 at age 97. Gladys sold her mother's home, which was right next to the 200-acre farm she and Lou own.

> ***Beverly Turner Cooke '54 has announced her retirement as an organist/accompanist at Barcelona Road Baptist Church. Bev started playing at the age of 16 for chapel services in Manila, Philippines, where her father represented the U.S. State Department following World War II.***

Carole Helen Heer Farrell has lived in Rehoboth Beach, Del., since 1997. The grandmother of 11, she works as a freelance editor, plays golf, quilts and reads. Husband Ron works at Home Depot in the complaint department and loves people – most of the time.

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A highlight of 2003 for **Barbara Wilson Taliaferro-Potter** was a trip to New Zealand with **Linda LeHardy Sweet**, Jauncey, and three other couples. Linda's brother organized the trip. They had traveled to China checking out major cities and spending 10 days on the Yangtze River together the previous year. The trips were so much fun that they probably will start planning another soon.

Linda and Jauncey's son, Christopher Sweet, is listed on the New York Times bestseller list for his edition of *Above Hallowed Ground*, a compilation of pictures taken by New York City policemen during and after Sept. 11 and over Ground Zero. Proceeds will go to the families of lost police officers. Another son, David, is a professor of English at the American University in Cairo. And Linda and Jauncey are thrilled to have finally become grandparents. They waited a long time for this little boy! Linda also said she ran into **Pat Hatfield Mayer** recently.

Margy Hogg Sullivan and **Barbara Taliaferro-Potter** spent a few days in Chicago visiting museums, mainly the Art Institute. Margy is living in Toledo, Ohio, near her daughter and family. Margy and her cousin, **Joan Kaitner Lyon**, both were classmates of ours as freshmen. Barbara's husband, Bob, is still working with JHACO, doing hospital surveys once a month. They have been to his Exeter reunion and his medical school reunion in Boston, and also to St. Johns, Newfoundland and New York for his Grenfell Board meetings. Their two sons are still practicing medicine at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine.

After 12 years as your Class Agent, it is now Ruthie's time. I have enjoyed working with you.

1955

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Jackie Whitehurst Hertz and Jim visited **Nancy Shope Armbruster** and Joe in Santa Fe, N.M., then went golfing and fishing. The men made plans for an elk-hunting trip to Colorado in September. In April, Nancy and Joe went to Los Angeles to visit their daughter, Jean, and her husband, Mark. They had lunch at the Getty with **Kathy Rozmarynowski Capanna**. Kathy starred in a Los Angeles theater production of *Lion in Winter* last year.

Minnie Brooks Rainey Mayberry and her husband of 48 years spent several days in Rome plus nine days in a villa in Umbria. Minnie recently talked to **Rhoda Browning McWilliams**, **Coralyn White McGeehan** and **Mary Bess Whidden,** and reported that all three were as sassy as ever.

Joan Membert Shropshire and "Shrop" celebrated their 50th anniversary in April. All of their family went to Wisconsin; they also had extended family there from coast to coast.

Mabel Ann Strickler Doumas and husband Bill, Fredericksburg residents,

have a tennis foursome that plays twice a week. They also travel frequently as part of his volunteer work with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. They were most recently in San Francisco, South Africa and New Orleans.

Joan Darden spends her summer playing in golf tournaments. **Phyllis Melillo Shanahan**'s biggest news is that she has two new grandbabies. She planned to be in Germany and Eastern Europe on a trip this summer, and spent last summer in Italy. She and her husband sold the family farm and are enjoying the freedom from responsibility. Winters are spent in Deerfield Beach, Fla., but they came back a month early this year for a niece's wedding at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Ginny Marco Hancock is involved in historic preservation efforts in the Hudson Valley of New York. She also is trying to keep their family farm outside Winchester, Va., preserved so that new development will not cover the beautiful fields. Her son, Greg, is married and lives in New York. Daughter Rebecca is in Michigan. Ginny and Mike are still playing their musical instruments from high school and college days. Mike plays in a community band and in church.

1956

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Rosanelli "Red" Metzger still calls Richmond home – that is, when she is not traveling to Italy or vacationing at her second residence in New Hampshire. **Suzanne Borke Grasberger** wrote from Mechanicsville, Va. For the past 20 years, she and husband Tom have attended the annual Montpelier Steeplechase Races with **Beverly Almond Tucker** and **Louise Hanselman Bowman** and their spouses.

Congratulations to **Ashley Kay Saine Nuckols,** who earned a doctorate in history last year. She asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Mary Landon Nolan Adams,** who started with us but graduated a year early.

Mary Lu Fiala Crocker left us after our sophomore year and graduated from Iowa State. After a cycling trip through Europe, she went to California and got married, and she has been in the Los Angeles area since. She and her husband have three children and 11 grandchildren.

Betty Anne Rhodes O'Donnell '57, my junior year suitemate, is busy with her book club, the Mystic River Historical Society, and the board of directors of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra.

I traveled to Mexico last January and to Key West and Fort Lauderdale in February, where I visited **Darlene Grove McNelis** and dined with **Anne dePadro Bloom.** Pneumonia laid me low in March, but a motoring tour to Jackson, Miss.; New Orleans; Pensacola Beach, Fla.; and Atlanta in the spring perked me up. My youngest son, Stephen, has been assigned to Germany with the *Wall Street Journal* for the next three years, so Europe may be my next trip.

I am sorry to report that two of our classmates who came to our 45th reunion have passed away. **Ginny Blankenship Gratz** died unexpectedly last November in Naples, Fla., where she and George had a second home. **Corky Slater Gray,** who had Alzheimer's, died last November.

1957

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Gertrude "Trudy" Hawk Powers, who lives in Worcester, Mass., has downsized to a condo and loves it. She has four children and five grandchildren and has been doing a lot of traveling since her retirement from Clark University. Her most recent big trip was to Italy.

Ellen Hertz Hewitt and Charlie took a trip to England in April with three of their children and their spouses. **Ernestine "Erna" MacLaughlin Lawrence** retired in June 2002 after 22 years at Deutsche Bank Asset Management. She finished her career as a vice president, with offices in both Boston and New York. She and husband Kent are now enjoying "life in the slow lane." They live in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in the summer and then head south to their condo on Boston's waterfront for the winter months. They keep busy with several clubs and organizations, and tutor in the Boston Public Schools. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Nancy Hallett Guest and Harry are pleased to announce the arrival of their twin granddaughters, Ava and Kate, who were born last year to oldest son Jim and his wife, Susan.

Carolyn Six Herel is an editor for an online directory, Open Directory Project, in which she compiles descriptions of various recreation and outdoor organizations.

Meredith Ann Puller Townes and husband Jack took a five-week trip with Meredith's sister, **Mary Lou Puller Griggs '54,** and her husband, Earl, last January. They visited Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. Meredith and **Connie Hook Felvey '56** see each other frequently.

Anne Jones Belsha and husband Les spent several weeks in Kansas City with their daughter and her family. She happily reports they survived last year's Christmas holidays with a brand new granddaughter, 5- and 2-year old grandsons, a new house and lots of cold weather. Anne is involved with a new chapter of LifeLong Learning Institute. Her next adventure was to an Elderhostel on the Finger Lakes in New York. In July, they enjoyed their annual family vacation at Emerald Isle, N.C.

Betty Huckstep Cross keeps busy with gardening, church work, children and eight grandchildren. She lost her husband Chuck to leukemia last year.

Evelyn Nitti Ewald's son-in-law is the new head football coach at the University of Richmond. She thinks it's great to have a Virginia connection again, and they are looking forward to visiting daughter Catherine and the grandkids who are moving from New York. In January, Evelyn had a mini-reunion with **Helen Moore McMillan** and **Sheila Foley Reeder** at Sheila's home. While attending Mary Washington, they all lived in Arlington, Va. Now, they all live in Florida: Sheila in Jacksonville Beach, Helen in Destin, and Evelyn in Orlando. Evelyn also keeps in touch with **Margaret "Moggy" Savage,** who has a vacation home in Florida.

Bruce Ritchie Spain was in Florida last winter and spent time with **Sally Strawhand Straton Westphalen,** who has a home in Vero Beach, and **Janie Watson Rawlings.** Janie and Lew live in Hobe Sound in the winter and in Devon, Pa., the rest of the year. Bruce spends her time in Florida on Hutchinson Island. She talks frequently with former roommate **Helene Joan O'Shaughnessy Kaufmann,** who lives in California.

Barbara Morton Williamson continues to teach English as a second language to international students. Daughter Amy is married and teaches second grade north of Chicago.

Mary-Montague Hudson Sikes, author and artist, was a speaker at the 10th annual Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville, Va., last spring. She was also featured on a recreational travel panel. Her latest publication is *Hotels to Remember.*

Marilyn "Mickey" Norquest Hutchinson and family live in Atlanta. She has four children and 10 grandchildren. She worked as a medical technologist and a research assistant to put her husband through medical school. Now, she has taken up woodcarving. She teaches carving to senior citizens at the local Life Enrichment Center, and also makes sculptural figures in cloth and clay.

Saundra Elroy Dale recently returned to Englewood, Fla., from Darien, Conn., where she lived for 35 years. She taught elementary school after graduating from Mary Washington. After raising her four children, she was in real estate sales and management for 28 years before retiring.

Marianne McDermott is enjoying her retirement and working about 12 hours a week as a consultant. She was planning a trip to Scotland and is taking an acting class.

Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham and **Florence "Foncie" Lawrence Williamson** spent a week exploring the Outer Banks of N.C.

1958

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Jean Lee Anderson Chapman and her husband moved to a condo two miles from their old home. They also were expecting their ninth grandchild.

Judi Pyrke Orrell had been looking for **Cindy Walsh-Haines** for several years, and finally located her in Lansdale, Pa. **Ruthie Ridge Griggs** spent her 50th high school reunion with **Phyllis Myers Thum** and Alice Cox Garrett on the Blue Ridge Parkway. In this election year, Ruthie wonders who remembers Mary Washington students going by train to watch Eisenhower's 1957 inauguration.

Mary Townsend Bates Rupe was married in July 2003 in Williamsburg, Va. She and her husband spent a winter vacation in Key West, Fla., and threw their annual Kentucky Derby party for 80 neighbors and friends.

Ann Ratcliffe Harrover Thomas keeps busy volunteering, traveling and having fun. She is chair of the Manassas Museum Associates and is on the Manassas Historical Resources Board, among others. Her three children and four grandchildren live in the area. Ann sees a lot of **Nancy Smith Campbell '59** and **Kitty Dishman Crandall '59.** Last Christmas, she heard from **Catherine "Kay" Purdy Cook** in California. She also learned from **Carolyn Hickman Bowman '59** that one of her roommates, **Sue Luckett Haynie,** passed away in Pennsylvania right after Christmas. Ann's second husband, Don Thomas, died in 2002.

Carlton A. Adams was in the class of 1958, but finished in the summer of 1957. She has a masters in education from William & Mary and is working as a secretary in the college's biology department. She has had hip replacements, but is back at work.

Judy O'Sullivan Milton lost Russ, her husband of 39 years, last October after a long illness. She has been keeping busy resuming activities that had been put aside. Judy is involved in a writing group that published a book of their short stories. She has traveled to California and the Caribbean, and planned a trip to Vancouver, B.C. She hopes to get back to her oil painting this spring. Her son, Michael, and family moved to Ormond Beach from California. Son Brian, Michael's identical twin, still lives in California. Brian and his wife, Kathy, were expecting this summer. Judy's daughter, Heather, received

her doctorate in English and teaches at the University of Florida. In 2003, Judy spent a lovely evening with **Sally Bates Larson** in New York. She also talked with **Carolyn Dale Miller,** who was unable to join Sally and Judy for dinner.

Kay Martin Britto of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., organized her high school's 50th reunion and took a trip to San Francisco with her older daughter. She is still working at the local public library and enjoys living at the beach.

Meredith Busby Frank and husband Jim retired in 2001 and moved from Geneva, Ill., to Marion, Va. They purchased a contemporary cedar house on the side of a mountain and have been busy redecorating ever since. Daughter Helen and her husband live in Sandy, Utah; Helen is radio DJ "Helen Powers."

Joanne Parker Hearn Foley remarried in 1997. She and her husband keep very busy with church activities and travel. Joanne has one daughter, one grandson, three stepchildren and six step-grandchildren.

After spending 31 years in the classroom and five years working in a hospital, **Joyce Smith** retired 10 years ago. She traveled to Alaska and New Orleans in 2003, and Kansas City last summer. She also recently visited her roommate, **Marilyn Corbitt Faison**, in Suffolk, Va. Joyce collects antique dolls. She also keeps in touch with suitemates **Peggy Saunders Burroughs** in Richmond and **Pat Simmer Bishop.**

Elinor Runge Vitek and Brant spent the winter on their boat in Florida. They also spent five months in the Bahamas. Last year, **Betsy Smith LaFever** and **Martha Kimball Johnson** met the boat in Sarasota. Elinor has four grandchildren.

Fay Purcell Parke Cantrell retired as chairperson of the Clinton High School Guidance Department several years ago. She enjoys garden club activities and several social clubs. She and her second husband live on a farm in the Knoxville, Tenn., area.

Martha Kimball Hearn Johnson planned to visit her daughter in England. Martha's son, Mason Hearn, owns a design-build firm near Richmond. He had an article published in *Southern Living* magazine.

Evelyn "Ebie" Breeden McKnight retired from Kentucky state government and moved closer to her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren. Her son is single and lives in Greensboro, N.C.

Edie Massie Warner recently spoke with **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman** and hopes to visit her soon. Edie, who lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., is retired from teaching and now tutors. Her cousin and his wife live at Tyro in Nelson County, and Edie tries to visit twice a year.

Kay Ruth McMillan and her family are recovering from husband Colin's unexpected death in July 2003. Kay, who lives in Roswell, N.M., has four children and seven grandchildren.

Jerry Sample Stocks and husband Raymond live in Beaufort, S.C. Jerry was a flight attendant on charter, domestic and international flights. She traveled on flights with Bob Dole during his presidential campaign. Now she is busy with her 1-year-old granddaughter. Jerry and **Mary Louise "Gibb" Hurley Krauser**, our freshman year class president, had a reunion in New England in 2003.

Jerry, **Fran Karins Updike** and **Carol Ann Lassalle McMahon** visited **Mary McCardell Furr** in Norfolk. They try to make this trip annually. Carol was married in 2002 and lives in New Orleans. Fran spends hours in her studio painting watercolors for several upcoming exhibits. She and her husband have 12 grandchildren. Fran also plays tennis and has earned master gardener status.

Betty Gould Storms and husband Bob traveled from Leavenworth, Kan., to Burlington, N.J., for a high school reunion. While there, she visited with **Mary Eliz Hendrickson Greenup**, and her husband.

Because her recital tours abroad are planned several years in advance, **Peggy Kelley Reinburg** had to miss the 2003 reunion. She was in Paris, Germany and Australia. Peggy is on the faculty of the Center for Sacred Music Studies at Virginia Wesleyan College. She loves living in Norfolk and being close to Virginia Beach.

1959

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We had a fabulous 45th reunion! Many thanks to **Dorothea "Dodie" Reeder Hruby**, **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** and **Katherine "Kay" Rowe Hayes**, who planned the reunion weekend; **Barbara Gordon McNamee**, who wrote the class booklet; **Faye Jessup Young**, who designed our poster; **Mary Fredman Downing**, who provided yearbook pictures of our deceased classmates; and **Judith Fink Beckmen** and **Barbara Lewis Leddick**, who spearheaded the financial campaign for our class.

An extra special thanks to the late **Carmen Chappell**'s husband, John, who graciously and generously paid for all our beverages at the five-hour party Friday night. He was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law.

A lovely remembrance ceremony was held for our 28 deceased classmates. On a lighter note, prizes were awarded for longest distance traveled, most grandchildren, etc. **Patricia Hundley Osisek** came to her first reunion in 45 years.

Absent from this reunion but vowing to attend the 50th was **Sara Bryson Damskier**, who lives in Denmark and does not often visit the United States due to her husband's health problems. Knee surgery kept **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas** away, but she had recovered enough to resume this fall her position as head science teacher at her school.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley took a cruise to northern Italy. She serves on the Republican Executive Committee for Palm Beach County, Fla. In April, she attended a six-day convention in Miami Beach. Phyllis' oldest son was planning to wed.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely and Russ toured Normandy before coming to our reunion. Their two sons and their families live close by. Marianne serves on 15 boards of directors – whew! They have five grandchildren. **Jane Tucker Broadbooks**' John refuses to retire. They do find time for traveling and antiquing. Their son, Jon Karl, is executive editor of the *Hattiesburg American News* in Mississippi. He and his wife have three children.

Guess who won the most grandchildren prize. **Gloria Winslow Borden** has 14 granddaughters! Gloria retired from teaching and spends her time traveling to spoil all those girls. She is also involved in theater work.

Kaye Rowe Hayes stayed close to home in 2003 except for the annual three-generation family outing in July at the Outer Banks. Kaye teaches English ESL classes, citizenship and GED testing classes at the local adult learning center. She is into gardening, landscaping and environmental issues.

Joan Essick Woloson has retired from teaching. Her daughter, Wendy, is writing her second novel. She heard from **Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman.** She and Alan were on a cruise in the Baltic. They have five grandchildren. He is coaching golf at the University of Alabama. Pug continues to golf, hike and spoil the grandchildren.

Nancy Crosland Lehfeldt has retired to Florida. She has three daughters and six grandchildren. **Ann Rollins Pyle** teaches in Fairfax County, Va. Mary Fredman Downing has retired from United Airlines and Glenn from consulting. They still live in Reston, Va. and do a lot of traveling.

Judith Fink Beckman and Tom have been married for 41 years. They have three sons and seven grandchildren. **Barbara White Ellis** operates a horse-boarding farm in Woodford, Va. She also works part time at an animal hospital.

Jo Neal Hendricks Scully, our celebrity human patterns consultant and handwriting analyst, continues to work with the Virginia State Police and the Violent Crime Investigative Unit in Richmond. She helps decipher personality profiles of murderers and rapists, aids in jury selection, and is an instructor for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Dianna Trishman Lee loves retirement. She plays bridge, volunteers at a hospital and travels. She has three children and five grandchildren. **Joan Stahlhut Good** lives in Maryland and has retired from the real estate business. She has a son and a daughter. **Joan Whittemore Loock** left Wisconsin and retired to Gulf Shores, Ala. She has two children and twin grandchildren.

Ann Rodabaugh Wright is still in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She has five sons, two stepchildren and nine grandchildren. She still enjoys participating in summer stock.

Nancy Seward Howard '60 is operating a bed and breakfast in the Adirondacks.

Carol Noakes Robinson, a systems analyst, has retired and was in the process of moving from her New Jersey brownstone to a house she's building in Rhode Island. She has three children and three grandchildren; in her spare time, she teaches yoga.

Jo Neal Hendricks Scully '59, a human patterns consultant and handwriting analyst, continues to work with the Virginia State Police and the Violent Crime Investigative Unit in Richmond. She helps decipher personality profiles of murderers and rapists and aids in jury selection.

Geraldine "Gerry" Jenks Winston and Addison are retired and living in Roanoke. They have two sons and four grandchildren. **Sally Jean Arnold Sullivan** and Bill are in Wilmington, N.C., living with daughter Stacey until their new house is finished.

Molly Bradshaw Clark is a cancer survivor. She has four children and four grandchildren. **Carol Daehler Leonard** is another cancer survivor. She lives in Southern California. She and her retired Marine husband, Bud, have been married 44 years. They have four grandchildren.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers says Don is just fine. Irene continues to consult, travel and lecture; she is an expert in electronic microscopes.

Ann Watkins Steves' daughter, Linda, came with her to the reunion. Ann and Bob are still in Texas and have four children and seven grandchildren.

Sondra Kates Douglas, another first-time reunion attendee, has two children and three grandchildren. Sondra is still working in real estate and thinking about retirement. Sadly, husband Larry passed away.

Nancy Smith Campbell is retired. She has two children. **Sharon Greene Hope** lives in California. **Marcia Kyes Price** is writing a children's book. **Beth Shochat Cole** has her own business in Maryland helping women set up businesses through the Department of Development of the Cooper Assistance Fund. She has three daughters and five grandchildren. **Sandra Quarles Cockrell** lives in Tampa, Fla., and is retired from teaching, but still active in the theater.

Nicollete Forchas Alexiou lives in Coral Gables, Fla. and has been married for 45 years. She has a master's degree and works as a part-time guidance counselor. **Audrey Manke Cameron** lives in Connecticut. She works for J.P. Morgan in New York and has gone through five mergers with them. She has a daughter who works in advertising.

Julia Coates Littlefield and Mo are retired. They have two children and two grandchildren. **Mary Massey** and Jack Meiners had a death in the family and could not attend the reunion. **Cecelia Bergin Robbins**, another cancer survivor, has retired from her government job. She has seven grandchildren.

Barbara Bache Barker has retired from her law career and is focusing on tennis. She has two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Barbara Gordon McNamee teaches technology courses at Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg and synchronized swimming classes at William & Mary. She traveled to Athens to serve as a judge for Olympic qualifying events. Her husband, Bob, is W&M's varsity diving coach. With their combined seven children, they have 12 grandchildren. **Edith Weber Staib** and Allen are retired in Hilton Head, S.C., where they play golf. Married for 43 years, they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Dodie Reeder Hruby retired from teaching seventh and eighth grade English. Her new hobby is oil painting. She and Dale have three children. She is painting a portrait of each of her eight grandchildren. **Emily Babb Carpenter** and Tom have returned to Virginia after many years in Connecticut. They live in Manakin-Sabot, which puts her close to daughter Caroline. Son Tom lives in New York. **Faye Jessup Young** still lives on Long Island, but visits Fredericksburg to see son Ian, who just gave her and Avery their newest grandson. She has two other sons and five more grandchildren. Faye plays tennis, gardens and travels. **Marcia Phipps Ireland** and Gary have two children and three grandchildren.

Marcia Spence Harrison-Thornton is a psychotherapist in Annapolis, Md. She works several days a week in her office and volunteers in the emergency room at the local hospital. **Kitty Taylor**, who transferred from Mary Washington to a nursing school, is a retired Air Force colonel.

Joyce Kirby Erlandsen is retired from teaching. She has three children and four grandchildren. **Carol Agesen Dunigan** is retired and lives in New Jersey. She has two children. **Tay Reisner Adams** and Bob have three daughters and seven grandchildren, all of whom enjoy skiing, competing in small sailboat racing and figure skating. Tay is a semi-retired lawyer who works part time for the Orphan's Court and Mediation Center in Montgomery County, Pa. She and Bob have been married 46 years.

My Virginia is moving into her first house – an exciting step. When I'm not worrying about Virginia, I spend time with my mother, who is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Keep your news coming. We are retired career women, cancer survivors, grandmothers, caregivers and world travelers. I love hearing from you. You write the column!

1961

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Peggy Howard Hodgkins and **Polly Updegraff Champ** were roommates on the President's Travel Club spring cruise to northern Italy. The group of 20 from Mary Washington started with a few days in Lake Como, then followed with a Po River Cruise and visits to various cities and museums and several days in Venice. Peggy was last in Italy in 1961 when she and **Marie Butler Skalski** toured 13 countries in three months.

Peggy started celebrating her 65th birthday in February with her annual New York City theater week. She saw numerous Broadway shows, including *Mamma Mia* featuring my daughter-in-law Carol. Peggy also saw our granddaughter-to-be perform on the stage, as Carol was just beginning to bulge in her costumes before she went on maternity leave at the end of February.

Pepper Jacobs Germer celebrated her 65th with a garden tea party complete with ladies in hats. Her unique Victorian home was once again on the Christmas house tour in her Arkansas hometown. Pepper and Hank took two Caribbean cruises this year. She is still working and not ready to give up her exciting television job.

Mary Dodson Larson and Jim took a cruise to the Panama Canal and a trip to Norway. It's obviously nice to have a daughter as an airline captain! Mary also does some tutoring for Huntington Learning Center.

Debbie Phinney Wylie has a new grandson, which brings her count to seven. Debbie and **Brownie Marshall McElroy** keep in touch via e-mail.

Pat Scott Peck's brother, Tom, has finally recovered from his ordeal of a fall resulting in a broken hip and heart attack. He's finally walking and working again. In June, Pat and a travel buddy flew to Ireland for three weeks and in late July, she spent a month in Nova Scotia.

Carolyn Crum Pannu has added to her ELS teaching load by taking on a position in distance learning two days a week. She enjoyed an Alaskan cruise last summer.

Betty Pace Rose and her husband had a wonderful visit with freshman roommate **Beverly "Bee" Stone Bowers** of Natchez, Miss., when Bee and her husband came to town for the Kentucky Derby. Betty lives near Louisville, has sold the farms and now indulges in traveling, dog sitting for her daughter's pet, and baby sitting her son's 15-month-old twin daughters.

Sara Prosterman Brown keeps in touch with **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and world traveler **Sarah Leigh Kinberg**. Sara and Clara Sue share a major interest in quilting that they probably could not have imagined when they met in chemistry class. Sara is not sure when retirement will come since she still loves her career. In retirement, her husband, Dwight, gardens and cooks. They have seven grandchildren.

Aggie Welsh Eyster traveled with her granddaughter to San Diego last May to visit her niece Aggie. She has several projects in her San Antonio artist studio, including incredible galvanized steel backsplashes. Fellow artist **Janie Riles** is also busy with her artwork, and planned to take a group of painters to France in September.

Lynne Williams Neave and Sandy are in New York near my children. Lynne went to a shower for Carol in May and met the stars from *Mamma Mia* and some other Broadway actresses. My husband and I managed a last-minute weekend trip to Denver to see son Don perform at the prestigious Denver Center in *Merchant of Venice*.

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Jane Walshe McCracken and Jay celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a house in Yosemite for a week; their girls rented it for a family reunion/anniversary party. They have five grandchildren and were expecting a sixth. The younger members of the clan hiked the many trails within the park while Grandma and Grandpa spent time reading on the deck. Jane and Jay were in New Hampshire last fall for a memorial service for Jay's dad. Even though the reason for gathering was a solemn one, Jane says it was a beautiful time to be in New Hampshire with the foliage at its peak.

Sue Katz Lieberman has a new granddaughter, Helen, who was born in April. Sue and Ed loved having Helen all to themselves when the baby's parents took a week-long vacation to Rome. Sue and Ed have been to London and also to Hawaii, where they shared a condo with their son and his family.

Mary Lott Haglund and Dave visited Bar Harbor, Maine, where they honeymooned many years ago. They plan to take longer trips on their boat. They were eagerly awaiting the birth of a second grandchild in March.

Donna Stevens Boyd e-mailed to update us on many of our classmates. She said that Ashby and Sara were expecting a boy. Also, Donna had neck surgery in January. **Julia Shumaker Bailess** reported that her son, Todd, who was at Barton College with Ashby Boyd, is in law school at West Virginia University. **Kay Mizell Heppinstill** had a total knee replacement last January. She retired this year from teaching.

Edith Gilbert Smith continues her work as an advocate for military health benefits. At a conference earlier this year, she led a session on survivor benefits. **Faye Greear Metzl** passed her CPA exam at the age of 62 and plans to get her license.

Carrie Lee Jacobs Henderson and Ted have moved to Keene, N.H. She also has made a career shift. A marriage and family therapist for 37 years, she has now started TLC Antiques and Appraisals and is studying to become a certified appraiser. She skis twice a week and keeps in touch with **Bonnie Rovics Aberson**.

Sheila Cooper-Hanna traveled to Ireland last July, and bought a house in the village where Fergus comes from. They spent last Christmas in New York instead of Ireland for the first time in three years.

Beverly Sulpice Persell was planning another trip to France. She and Bob also visited their son and family in California during the summer. **Louise Dunn Fuqua** was in hopes she soon would have another grandchild to spoil.

Joan Akers Rothgeb and Ed enjoyed a visit with **Lucy Ritter Todd** and her husband in September 2003. **Barbara Schwab "Schwabie" Jesser** and Billy joined them for dinner one night. Joan reported that she still hears from **Annie Lindgren Olwine** in Vancouver, Washington. She also had the following news: **Bonnie Booker Kinzer** has a beautiful grandbaby. **Valiery "Val" Hartsell** has been in Guam for years, but her mother needs her so she moved to Arkansas to take care of her.

Noel Sipple, Julia Shumaker Bailess, Diana Copple Smith, Dale Worsham Phillips and **Mary Sue Miller McDonald** met in Roanoke for a visit. In July, Noel

and Julia flew to London for a week and then sailed home on the Queen Mary II.

Nancy Edwards Brockman was elected president of the National Society of Arts and Letters. She also continues to enjoy her job as executive director of the Piedmont Council of the Arts in Charlottesville, Va., and serves on the Board of Virginians for the Arts and the regional concert series. Other news includes the birth of her third grandchild.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice recently had lunch with **Marilyne Schulman Rafal** and her husband, who were in town for a wedding. Marcia was undergoing a "nerve-wracking kitchen renovation" at the time.

A kitchen renovation also has consumed the life of **Nancy O'Neal Robinson** of Walnut Creek, Calif. She continues to keep busy with church and other volunteer work. Robbie's mother passed away recently, so he no longer makes the monthly commute back to New York to help out. Nancy's mother was approaching her 101st birthday! She lives in a healthcare facility in Florida.

Lois Hartman visited with family members and friends on the West Coast last fall. She went to Nevada, Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

Helen Alexion James was looking forward to the wedding of youngest daughter Nichole in July. **Mary Wolff Maddrey Isenhour** has given up her post as president of the Friends of the Library, but she still is active in library fund-raising.

In March, Jerry and I returned to Berlin. We had a wonderful reunion with German friends, saw all the changes that reunification has brought to the city, and walked under the Brandenberg Gate. We also enjoyed a visit to the Allied Museum prior to its official opening. My painting continues to give me joy and a little monetary success.

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Kitty Shannon and her sister were planning to move in together in Richmond as soon as they found the perfect house. Kitty's beautiful home in an older section of the city wasn't big enough for two.

Gloria Moskowitz Fischel-Gilbert and husband Myron went to Florida for baseball spring training; Myron is an avid fan. Unfortunately, when they returned home, there had been a water pipe leak and their home was a mess. Gloria continues to work as a travel agent out of her home. She had three more grandchildren due before fall.

Wendy Shadwell took a three-week cruise to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands. Wendy also traveled to Chicago for the annual meeting of the American Historical Print Collectors Society, on whose board she sits. She also has been asked to serve on the Staten Island Historical Society.

Elizabeth "Betty" Caudle Marshall and husband Tom live in Sanford, N.C., where Tom is the minister at a small Presbyterian Church. Tom taught at Barton College for 32 years before studying for the ministry. Betty has been a math teacher for many years and is now retiring. She and Tom have four children and eight grandchildren. Betty keeps up with her former roommate, **Betty Jo Cowles Yates**, who lives in Mechanicsville, Va. In fact, Betty used a book in her advanced placement statistics class that Betty Jo's husband, Dan, wrote.

Nancy Slonim Aronie's book, *Writing from the Heart*, is in its seventh printing. She continues to give writing workshops on Martha's Vineyard, where she and her family live. Her husband invented a toy called the Zero Blaster and has sold 200,000 of them. Wow! Son Josh opened the Park Center Café on the island and is doing well. Unfortunately, son Dan has progressive MS and diabetes, is wheelchair bound, and had open heart surgery last winter. As Nancy says, "Life is beautiful and tough."

Kathy Friedman Levinson and husband Sandy say they will spend no more winters in Connecticut. But the rest of the year, they love living on the water in their small beach community one hour from New York. Sandy, a retired vascular surgeon, is enjoying his freedom. Kathy is a marriage and family therapist. Son David works in the ski industry in Breckinridge, Colo., and daughter Karin works in the film industry in Los Angeles.

Jim and I recently visited with **Lois Smith McDaniel** and husband Howie. They moved into a new house in a retirement community last summer and love their new place, except for the commute to Northern Virginia to work. Lois is a teacher and traveler; every summer she's off to see the world.

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From outgoing Class Agents **Judith Finger Bradley** and **Barbara Ioanes**:

We had the rainiest, coldest weekend imaginable, but probably the best reunion of all. About 60 classmates traveled from as far away as California. Our lively conversations focused on old dorm antics, loves kept and lost, professors admired and disparaged and the infamous U.S. Marine Corps.

Many of us are still involved in our professions. Among our classmates are ministers, authors, artists, lobbyists, lawyers, teachers and health professionals. We may very well be giving the term "senior citizen" a new definition. We also noticed very little talk about children and grandchildren – much as we love them – as we were more interested in each other's personal journeys.

The highlight of the weekend was the dedication ceremony of the new alumni center, named for our own **Alice Andrews Jepson**. We enjoyed the bagpipes, the champagne and the magnificent artwork, including a marvelous painting by **Sally Crenshaw Witt**'s son. Sally and **Sara Page Cosby Mayo** were also recognized for their generous contributions to the new center at Trench Hill. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in June 2009 for our next reunion.

Victoria Taylor Allen has lived in Westchester County, N.Y., for more than 30 years. She is now widowed and keeps busy working in the development office of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Conn. Victoria is also a lecturer in literature and art history in an adult-education program called Barat House at Manhattanville College, where she serves on the alumni board. In her spare time, she travels abroad, primarily to Paris and London, and in March visited relatives in Amsterdam. For many years, she has enjoyed her subscriptions to the Metropolitan Opera and the New York Philharmonic. She spends part of each summer in Nantucket.

Thanks for keeping us entertained the past five years. Keep your news coming to our new class agents.

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Our fearless leader, **Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann**, is thoroughly enjoying her retirement. She and husband Bob completed their kitchen-remodeling project in Richmond and added a garage. Bobbi has also attended some lectures at Mary Washington, where she saw **Carolyn Perry Grow** and husband David. **Ann Ball Gavin '69**, the mother of some of Bobbi's former pupils, also attended. Small world!

Jana Privette Usry wrote last fall from Richmond that her sister was throwing a huge 60th birthday party for her. By the time we meet at our 2006 reunion, we will all have passed that mark and can really celebrate.

Carolyn Perry Grow lives in Charlottesville, Va. She continues to guide school groups through Monticello and is active in her DAR chapter. Their beach condo escaped the ravages of Hurricane Isabel, though their home was inundated with rain and fallen branches, and they endured a lengthy power outage. She and Dave have traveled to visit family and friends; their most memorable expedition was to St. Louis and Louisville following a Lewis and Clark commemoration kickoff at Monticello.

Peggy Beeler Burns visited Illinois and Wisconsin in the spring. Last fall, she visited with **Pam Kearney Patrick** and husband Tab in their Mount Vernon, Va., home. Peggy's son, Jay, completed his tour of duty in Germany and returned to the Washington, D.C., area in July. He was to be married in August.

Jackie Harwood Flammia wrote for the first time since graduation to say that she never left Richmond. She married her high school sweetheart, Russell, and had two children, who are now grown and live in Santa Cruz, Calif., and Chicago. Russell was a school teacher and Jackie works with severely and profoundly disabled children as a school counselor. She said the turning point in her life came 25 years ago when she found her spiritual teacher, Avatar Adi Da Samraj; she now holds monthly Way of Adidam events in her home.

Susie Williams Cluff was a member of our class, but postponed graduation until her husband went to Vietnam in 1969. She inquired about friend **Norma Woodward Batchelder**, who now lives in Tryon, N.C.

Winnie Woodson Stribling lives in Alamo, Calif. She and Brad have overcome health problems, and she and daughter Sarah headed to Greece and Turkey during the summer with Sarah's high school choir.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner lives in Alexandria, Va. She and husband Charlie had dinner last winter with **Linda Spangler Berkheimer** and husband Phil, who live in nearby Frederick, Md. She mentioned that she had recently seen **Nina Russell Randolph** and Bob, who live in Old Town Alexandria. In anticipation of retirement, Mary Kathryn finally reduced her work to three days a week, allowing more time for golf. Charlie retired in April after serving 35 years in the federal government.

Roberta James East still doesn't understand what retirement is. She continues to operate her very successful flower farm in Purcellville, Va., which requires many long hours during the growing season. She and husband Dennis did manage a long, leisurely trip last winter to visit their daughter in Orlando,

Fla., with several stops en route to see old friends and former neighbors. One stop was lunch in Charlotte, N.C., with **Kay Smith Majeski** and husband Bob.

One of our first-time grandmothers is **Yvonne March**, who lives in Hollywood, Fla. She proudly announced the arrival of Anthony Bourke Kusilka last August, the son of daughter Margarita. Yvonne was ready to retire from her FBI translator job and be a full-time nanny. Yvonne and **Susan Roth Nurin** had a brief but happy get-together at the Miami shipping piers last December.

Barbara Barriga Rowe still lives in a historic home in Unionville, Pa. Her daughter had been in Madrid during the terrorist bombings but, fortunately, was not directly affected.

Eileen Perna Thomason successfully completed managing the Royal Ball fund-raiser for the Virginia Opera, raising more than $55,000 through a silent auction.

Vera Wilson Wenzel is director of global studies at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn. Vera and John's four children are located in Boston, New York, Virginia and California.

Another happy Minnesota resident, **Marty Spigel Sedoff**, wrote from Edina that she has been having an exciting year despite missing life on the East Coast. Marty is a consultant at American Express and her son, John, is an actor.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley and Bill celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, sold their home in Florida, and traveled to Hawaii to help **Ryan Stewart Davis** celebrate her birthday. Ginny and Bill have moved to a Florida lake house and also purchased a small condo at Jacksonville Beach, where all their grandchildren live.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo and husband John celebrated the arrival of a second grandson. They are very involved with their parents' lives and enjoy their frequent visits. As soon as John retires, they can think seriously about occupying the beautiful stone home they built in Upperville, Va., about an hour away from their home in Falls Church. Meantime, they are busy with work, friends and family, including Eileen's brother and sister, **Kathleen Goddard Moss**, who also lives nearby.

Hank and I continue to keep busy with the export licensing business, 19 grandchildren (blended family for 10 years now), church, and our health. We want to keep up this pace a while longer. Since nearly all the children and grandkids live nearby, we are continually blessed with family interactions. Now that my tibia plateau fracture has healed and I'm mobile again, we are looking forward to resuming travel. Our first trip will be to Nantucket and then we'd like to go to Sweden.

1968

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Pam Tompkins Huggins' family has experienced many milestones. Youngest daughter Jamie graduated from UC Santa Barbara in June. Middle daughter KT returned from 27 months in Tonga with the Peace Corps, and embarked on a round-the-world trip until she returns for Christmas 2004. Oldest daughter Sally and husband are in Reston, where Sally teaches high school English. Sally has two daughters of her own.

Sadly, Pam lost her mother in February after a 14-year struggle with Alzheimer's. Other classmates have experienced losses: My dad passed away unexpectedly in March, and **Donna Sheehan Gladis** lost her father the same month. **Lynn Belcher Fox** also lost her father, and **Sue Farnham Piatt** and **Carol Lee Hawtin** both lost their mothers this year.

Paula Parker Horton Boyer remarried last December. Her first husband died in 1998, shortly after their 30th wedding anniversary. Paula now lives in Lewistown, Pa., and joins husband Jerry in his private clinical psychology practice. Her daughter, Sarah, lives in Lewistown and son Rob is in San Diego. Paula stays in touch with **Barb Bailey**, who lives in Doylestown, Pa., with her two daughters.

Maureen Murphy McCart is director of development at a small girls' Catholic school in Bladensburg, Md. She recently moved to be closer to work and now lives about halfway between Baltimore and Annapolis. Maureen's son is a captain in the Army JAG corps stationed near Venice, where Maureen visited for a week last December. Her daughter is assistant principal at a local parochial school. Maureen was looking forward to the birth of her second grandchild in June.

Rhoda "Dodo" Fisher Roberts had no plans to retire in the near future.

Melissa Mann

Leading a Charmed Life

It may be a glint of sunlight on the bark of a tree or an intricate pattern in a maple leaf, but to **Carlton Ridge '68**, it's all raw material. A renowned jewelry designer, she finds inspiration for her necklaces, earrings, pins and bracelets in the world around her – and from historical treasures.

Coming up with ideas "is the easiest thing I do," said Ridge, a lover of British and ancient Egyptian culture. With her studio located in a converted barn on her 11-acre Kentucky horse farm, she said, "I'm always thinking about the jewelry."

Ridge's contemporary yet classic creations are sold in stores throughout the Southeast. She designs about 200 new pieces a year for her collection called Carlton Ridge for Sutton Hoo Inc. The name comes from a British burial site in which a cache of jewels was found in a ship unearthed at the gravesite of an East Anglican king.

Nature always has held an allure for Ridge. It was Mary Washington's trees and grassy lawns that drew her to the campus some 40 years ago. In addition to a love for art and history, what was instilled in her at Mary Washington was commitment to the school's honor system. That honor code still influences Ridge in her business dealings, she said. "It was a great character-builder for me."

After earning her degree in studio arts from Mary Washington, with a minor in art history, Ridge taught both elementary school and college students in Louisville, where she earned a master's degree in teaching from Spalding University. When she moved to the West Coast to continue her teaching career, she realized how much she missed art. That's when she decided to pursue a San Francisco apprenticeship in jewelry design, a field that held appeal both as a creative pursuit and a practical, mobile business.

Three decades later, Ridge's pieces sell for between $50 and $200. Her trademark necklaces use large medallion centerpieces surrounded by natural minerals and stones, such as strawberry quartz and ocean jasper.

In 2000, another passion came to the forefront. With the purchase of her farm outside Louisville, Ridge embarked on a massive project to transform a dark, cramped late-1700s home into a spacious, airy, rustic retreat. The end result was featured in *Kentucky Homes & Gardens* and *This Old House* magazines, and Ridge now has a side business coordinating the remodeling of historic homes.

Another gem resulted from the renovation of her home. Davis Marret, one of the contractors in the project, became her husband in December 2003. The farm suits their lifestyle, she said, and brings a sense of calm. For Ridge, who combines jewelry-designing with rural farm life, the glittery meets the gritty.

She takes advantage of every opportunity to commune with nature. "When I'm out riding, I go into this valley," she said. "When the light comes through [the trees], it's just like stained glass. It's wonderful."

– Robyn Davis Sekula

For more information about Carlton Ridge and her creations, go to www.carlton-ridge.com

She and Rick get to their home on Nantucket as often as they can. Daughter, Cady, has graduated from college and is working, and Nell is at Penn State.

In April, **Jackie French Lonergan** was featured in an article and photo in the Metro section of *The Washington Post*. Jackie became part of medical history in 1954 when she was one of the first children to be injected with the experimental Salk polio vaccine. A photographer captured the moment, and she was photographed again 50 years later at the March of Dimes' commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Salk vaccine trials with the family doctor who had originally given her the injection. Jackie is now a social studies teacher in Vermont.

Leneice Wu retired a year ago in February, from a wonderful job of 34 years at the Congressional Research Service. She and husband, Royce Wolf, who is working part-time, are enjoying more free time together. Leneice is very involved with a volunteer group that rescues Labrador retrievers. She and Royce spent 10 days in January at Lake Tahoe, skiing with both their children. Emily, 26, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, lives in California, and works as a freelance theater technician; Paul, 22, graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in Latin (following in his mom's footsteps!). Leneice and Royce visited **Julie Deane Webb**, Leneice's roommate senior year at Mary Washington, and her husband, Rick, in Connecticut.

Ash and I moved to Denver in January. I am glad to be back in the "big city" after two years in a small mountain town, and we happily downsized from a house to a 10th floor two-bedroom apartment. I am now the West regional manager for Co-nect, an education services company. Our son, Todd, is a high school teacher in Melbourne, Australia. And we're thrilled that our daughter, Anne, her husband, and our grandkids – Maddy, 6, and Spencer, 3 – have moved from Houston back to Denver. In July, we celebrated Ash's 60th birthday with a family reunion on Kauai.

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From outgoing Class Agent **Pat Adair Slusher**:

Janet Cooper lives in Greenbelt, Md., and is still practicing law after 30 years. She moved her office closer to home. **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness** became a grandmother in October 2003. Suzanne's daughter and family live in England, but Suzanne managed to spend a lot of time with them last fall.

Iris Harrell married Ann Benson, her partner of 25 years, in San Francisco in February. Iris is president and CEO of Harrell Remodeling. She had dinner in February with her former suitemate, **Bev Janice Holt**, who was in San Francisco for a business trip. Bev and partner Debbie live in Cary, N.C.

Pam Hogan Baynard moved to Suffolk, Va., with husband Chuck, who has retired. They live on a golf course, and Chuck is building a small airplane in his garage. **Nancy Stevenson Leeper** is still working as a speech therapist. Son Steven graduated from the University of Texas and has a fun job driving the Oscar Mayer wiener mobile.

Linda Sargent Kaufman, in Roanoke, Va., was divorced recently. Daughter Bette is in medical school at U.Va. and son Bill is at Duke. Linda's mother, **Dorothy Lambert Sargent '42**, passed away last April.

Regina Sneed has lived in San Francisco since 1970. She works for the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, where she investigates discrimination in schools. She is active in the city's cultural life and is in her 20th year as a docent at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick recently retired as administrative assistant for the Westerville Symphony Orchestra. (Her extensive traveling was beginning to interfere with her part-time job.) This year, she and husband Roger have traveled to the Bahamas, Colorado, Las Vegas, Alabama, Georgia and St. Louis. Anne's daughter and her husband have built their dream home in Carrollton, Ga., on an 11-acre horse farm. Granddaughter Jennifer has participated in several local horse shows.

Anne and **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns**, **Toni Turner Bruseth** and **Carolyn "Suzie" Bender Winterble** planned to get together for their "To H-- with the Rest of 'Em" reunion in the spring. The location of the reunion was to be in Austin, Texas, at Toni's house for "some great fun, good Tex-Mex food and good conversation."

Marilyn Neudeck-Dicken lives in Wrightwood, Calif., with husband Michael and her search-and-rescue dog, Woofie, a German shepherd. Marilyn has been awarded board-certified expert status in traumatic stress and traumatic stress management, and has expert standing in other organizations as well, including the American Psychotherapy Association. Her experiences with the Oklahoma City bombing and Columbine shootings, among other tragedies, have lead to research and resulting publications. Marilyn also wrote a manual on dealing with catastrophic stress for the California Rescue Dog Association, and later adapted a manual for air-traffic controllers at Quantico Marine Corp Air Base in Virginia.

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Barbara Forgione Tansey and husband Bruce are owners of a 23-foot deck boat, which they named Lady of the Lake. They enjoy many hours on Lake Tellico. Their travels last year included an anniversary weekend in Asheville, N.C., a visit with daughter Lisa and her husband at Virginia Beach's Neptune Festival, and a fall foliage cruise along the Chattanooga River with their community's Retired Military Club.

Sue Keblusek put her home in the San Francisco Bay area on the market and is enjoying life on Whidbey Island in Washington State.

Barbara Halliday '71 *was elected to the Hayward, Calif., City Council in March. Mary Washington friends* Mary Anne Burns *and* Kathy "Shred" Schroeher Clare *helped in the campaign.*

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk has enjoyed some traveling with her husband, Bob, on his business trips to Charlottesville, Va., and Washington, D.C., where she toured the National Gallery. Last March, they visited friends from Minnesota who had recently moved to Williamsburg, Va., and then spent a few days in Richmond. They stayed at the Jefferson Hotel to celebrate Ellen's birthday. Bob surprised her by having her parents and son Morgan and his wife meet them there. Ellen and Bob became grandparents again last January when son Forrest and his wife had a baby boy.

Martha Veasey Sawyer and husband Roger have enjoyed traveling, too. They spent a week in Las Vegas last fall and then journeyed to Nashville with friends last winter. Martha continues to care for her many feathered friends; she has 10 feeding stations. She and Roger own two cats, one of which is now 20 years old. They enjoyed visiting with their five grandchildren for the holidays last winter. During one of the many snowstorms last January, Martha and Roger did something they haven't done in 38 years: went sledding!

Mary "Kathy" Hichak Sikes and husband Randy spent a lot of time last fall cleaning up debris from Hurricane Isabel. Last November, they traveled to Atlanta to celebrate Randy's mother's 80th birthday. Kathy gets a Christmas card every year from **Gretchen Gregory Davis**, who was her roommate the last two years at Mary Washington. Kathy had lots of family visit last Christmas and revealed that on Christmas Eve, their family tradition is to have peppermint ice cream with hot fudge and cookies. Sounds good to me! Kathy's son Scott was married last January.

Kathy Thiel's husband died unexpectedly in January. We offer our deepest condolences.

Our third grandchild, a boy, was born last October to Ted's eldest son, Greg, and his wife, Denise. I had surgery last December to remove my gall bladder, and my overall health has significantly improved. We continue to enjoy our home in the mountains, and we visit the children and grandchildren as often as we can.

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Susan Brown Lohin works in alumni relations at Wellesley College. She has been married 30 years and has three grown children. Susan gave up long-distance running after a serious skiing accident, but she still manages to exercise. She would like to hear from others in our class who lived in Westmoreland sophomore year.

Wendy Dickinson Smith and "Bubba" live in Alexandria, Va., and she stays in touch with **Terri Tucker** and **Pat Naybor Whitehead Marshall**. Terri still owns a children's boutique, where Wendy works part time. Pat left the business world of Washington, D.C., remarried and moved to St. John's with her British husband.

After many years in Richmond, **Diane Redfern Shelton** and husband Steve now live in North Carolina. **Barbara Halliday** was elected to the Hayward, Calif., City Council in March. Mary Washington friends **Mary Anne Burns** and **Kathy "Shred" Schroeher Clare** helped in the campaign. Barbara and husband Rick Imsdahl live in this city, south of Oakland on the east side of San Francisco Bay, not far from her parents. Barb continues her full-time job handling medical malpractice insurance claims.

Carol Walb lives in Oakland, Calif., and works for the rapid transit system. **Jane Touzalin** is well in the Washington, D.C., area, working for *The Washington Post*. **Jan McNiel** and Marv Wendt, after 30 years in Orange County, Calif., working for UC Irvine, moved to the Mojave Desert in 2002. They have completely renovated and refurbished a house there.

Gail Schultz MacLeod recently returned from a European jaunt to Normandy, Brittany and Paris. She and her now-retired husband moved to Lexington, Va., from the West Coast and are happy to be back in Virginia. Gail was active in the "Save the Name"

campaign for Mary Washington and got reacquainted with **Mona Davis Albertine,** who is now rector of the Board of Visitors.

Susan Stumpf-Herbert is with IBM in Boston. She worked on the course outline components of IBM's live virtual classroom, but more recently has been working on IBM's solution for tracking the Sarbannes-Oxley Act compliance. Susan and Jimmy redid their house and recalled what a "charming" experience it was to sleep in an unheated three-season porch. **Bryn Irving Roth** stayed busy last year marrying off her stepdaughter, becoming a grandmother to her son's new son, and retiring in June after 33 years of teaching in Spotsylvania County. Bryn's stepgrandson should be a chef on a cruise ship by the time this is published.

Dolores "Lorrie" Faszewski Hite in Roanoke shared that son **Benjamin** and daughter **Meredith** both graduated from Mary Washington. Lorrie changed careers from accounting to estate and trust administration for a small law firm. She shares her latest passion, opera, with husband Chuck.

In February, **Pam Rave Hall** and her husband became grandparents to Mollie Anne. Pam passed the state licensing exam for underwriters and is now manager of York Title Insurance.

Betty Barnhardt Hume reported that she and Randy and daughters Janet and Robin are doing well in Fredericksburg and traveling in the area. She is in touch with **Betty Whichard Robinson,** who was scheduled to relocate to Indiana. Betty's husband, Jim, is with Conseco Insurance Services in Carmel, Ind., outside Indianapolis. Betty is looking for a computer-training job there.

Diana "Diney" Rupert is well and living in Florida. **Evelyn Dezerne Barrett** is in Colorado Springs. Husband Larry was the executive director for the Colorado Springs Symphony, which went into bankruptcy despite gallant efforts to save it. Evelyn is a licensed real estate broker and established Barrett Leasing. Daughter Allison graduated from Washington University and is at Boston University School of Medicine in a master's in medical science program. Son Curtis is in software engineering at Northwestern University.

I retired as a captain from the Navy shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks, and went to work for the National Security Agency in legislative affairs. In May 2002, I was selected to work on the staff of the National Security Council. From there I moved to Belgium and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, the military arm of NATO. I was married in July 2002 to Ralph Giannuzzi, whom I met while singing in the Basilica Choir in Baltimore. We love being back in Europe, and I have the privilege of chairing a NATO committee on communications.

Remember: Our 35th reunion is only two years away!

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Terri Hall Alford and Marty celebrated the arrival of their grandson, Alexander Emerson Garton, last year. Terri spent a wonderful week in Lake Tahoe celebrating this joyous event. Another daughter was married several months later. Even with all this activity, Terri and Marty found time to get away to England for a week in the Cotswold Hills.

Sherrie Mitchell Boone stays busy and productive in Roanoke, Va., doing her studio art and piano tuning and teaching. Daughter Leighanne celebrated her first wedding anniversary. Son Trey took a year off from Tulane, but was headed back to finish his degree.

Cheryl Prietz Childress was happy to announce the birth of a darling buckskin filly to one of her mares. Cheryl continues to work in the library at Collegiate School in Richmond. Her daughter goes to school there and her son is at Radford. Her husband works for HUD. In addition to their jobs, life on the farm and the kids, they also are Morgan enthusiasts and own a vintage sports car.

Nancy Mahone Miller and her husband always attend the Robert Burns Night Supper in Richmond. **Martha Stansell Vogel** and her husband, Kurt also attended this year. Nancy spent two glorious weeks in Scotland last year. She still loves her job as a collection development librarian at Virginia Beach Public Library and has spent much of the year immersed in DAR activities as well. Her husband, CG, recently switched jobs and is now a consultant with a small finance company. Both are active in their church.

One of my close and cherished friends is **Norah Heckman '73,** who lives in Crystal City, Va. She left her position with Nurses of America when the association relocated.

The Baltimore alumni chapter had its annual brunch at the Johns Hopkins Club. As usual, it was an enjoyable event with good food and company. We always have a good speaker and this year, Dr. Martin A. Wilder Jr., head of the admissions office, gave a very good overview of the next phase of the University of Mary Washington.

Dennis and I are doing well. He continues with his work at the Maryland Department of Transportation, but is also starting his own business. My job at Piper Rudnick continues to keep me on my toes with projects all over the firm, not to mention the ever-growing load of asbestos cases. We enjoyed visits from various family members, took a lovely vacation to Myrtle Beach and Charleston, S.C., and plan to take a trip to Texas.

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From outgoing Class Agents **Margaret "Peg" Hubbard** and **Patricia Goodall Strawderman:**

Though the weather did not cooperate as well as we would have liked, our 30th reunion turned out to be great. A highlight was the dedication of the stunning new Alumni Executive Center. Words cannot describe how thoughtfully this addition was planned and how well it complements the existing surroundings. Trench Hill never looked better! Among Reunion Weekend's Saturday night banquet attendees were **Rita Hodges Gilpin, Debra Ryan Howard, Susan Meisinger, Pamela White, Susan Passarello Quenzer** and **Sidnia "Sid" Baker Etherington.** At brunch the next morning were **Betsy Hazen Williamson, Katharine Tucker Ledford** and **Alice Harding Thomas,** among others. Some committed groups of Mary Washington friends, including **Pat Denton Rounds, Diane "Harvey" Smith** and **Pam "Wart" Smith McGahagin,** use Reunion Weekend as a "no excuses, girls only" weekend. What a great idea! Keep that in mind five years from now for our 35th.

Pat Denton Rounds e-mailed that she made it back to North Carolina safely after Reunion Weekend by blaring a Bruce Springsteen CD! She planned a trip to England in early September to visit daughter Kate. She also was house-hunting. She wondered if **Lisa Tyree Nose** had responded to a very loud and incoherent group phone message during Reunion Weekend. Lisa reports that she was thrilled to receive it, and sorry she was unable to attend the gathering. Harvey Smith reported that sons Adam and Ben graduated with honors from Virginia Tech. Harvey lives in Great Falls, Va., and works for LexisNexis, an online database provider.

Unfortunately, my Jefferson 4th West roommate, **Susan McDonald Osborn '75,** could not attend Reunion Weekend. She and husband Paul live in Herndon, Va., and are now "empty nesters." Susan is a program manager for Pearson Education. Daughter Kate, 23, was married in March. Lauren, 20, is at Virginia Tech.

Mary Yip Wong '73 e-mailed after reading the last Class Notes. She read a small news item about **Tricia Draper Charles Hollenbach,** who attended from 1970 to 1972. Mary had lost contact with Tricia and wanted to reconnect with her. (Now, see, *that's* the idea – read Class Notes, send in your news and rekindle old friendships!)

Barbara Wilson Conley's son, Brian, is an ad executive who married in April. Brian's twin, Scott, is a DJ and actor in Los Angeles, and their youngest son is at Virginia Tech. Barbara and Lloyd live in Woodlake, Va.; she teaches fourth grade and Lloyd works for SunTrust. She gets together with **Trisha Powell Westcott,** from Fredericksburg; **Julie Blair Geier,** in White Stone, Va.; and **Carolyn Akers,** in California. She also recently tracked down **Sally Metz Johnson,** who lives in Georgia.

Margaret Mary McVeigh Canale's life centers on her two boys: Alex is a junior at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J., and Brendan is in seventh grade. Both are Boy Scouts and very busy with tennis, soccer, the school newspaper, school clubs and friends. Margaret Mary teaches a class for new lawyers and is president of our Inns of Court. Her sister-in-law, **Liz Canale,** is a 1984 graduate of Mary Washington. Margaret Mary hears from **Sid Baker Etherington** and had communicated with **Janice Anderson Weitzen '75** for awhile.

We have enjoyed serving as Class Agents, but it is time for a new perspective. Please welcome our successors by sending them lots of news about yourself and any classmates.

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Roxanne Bresko Potosky is nearing the end of a 30-year career with the National Security Agency. Her husband of 25 years, Mel, is also with the agency. Daughter Katherine graduated from the University of Virginia with plans to attend law school; daughter Natalie is still a U.Va. student. Roxanne and her family have traveled and worked abroad quite a bit, and she has developed a passion for horseback riding. During her government career, she had the pleasure of working with a number of Mary Washington alumni: **Sally Seward '74, Karen Laino '71** and **Faith Lynch Johnson '77,** as well as classmates **Marybeth Deuel Davis** and **Jane Barnes Thall.**

Bill Janis finished graduate school in economics at U.Va. in 1980 and took his first professional job with the U.S. Department of Commerce. He moved to Manassas in 1981 and married the following year. He now commutes by Virginia Railway Express to work in Washington, D.C., where he serves as an agricultural economist for the Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Daughter Catherine is at Oberlin College, and son Jonathan returned home last sum-

mer after a year studying Spanish in Argentina.

Frederica Gibson lives in Dallas with her dog and two cats and works as the accounts payable manager for a company that designs medical documentation systems for emergency rooms. Last May, she returned to Virginia to see her nephew graduate from high school. **Lucy Walters Bonacquist** lives in Ankara, Turkey. **Patti Morris Cox** reports that son Paul graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in May, and daughter Lauren was to graduate this month from Emory University's physician's assistant graduate school.

Jon and I attended daughter Sarah's graduation in May from Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tenn. Sarah started U.Va. in the fall.

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Heidi Klussmann Brugmann lives in Munich with husband Guillermo. She has retired and travels with her husband on business trips. They recently went to Thailand and Malaysia.

Kathy Billos Lianos has lived in Athens since 1977. She has been married for 24 years to a retired police officer who is now the adviser on security matters to the CEO of the Athens International Airport. She has two children: Panagiotis is at Deree College in Athens and Evangelia is pursuing a master's degree at London School of Economics and Political Science. Kathy teaches private English lessons and stays busy keeping up with her family and traveling back and forth to the United States. She has traveled to Australia and India as well.

Mary Johnson Mulligan lives in Titusville, Fla., and works as a program analyst with NASA at the Kennedy Space Center. Son Patrick is at Emory University; daughters Katie and Courtney are in high school. Mary's husband passed away three years ago, but she is very thankful that she and her children have been able to adjust.

Deborah Peel Spidle has lived in Omaha, Neb., with her husband, Jim, since 1989. They both work in the information technology field and have two dogs. Deborah also is involved with a local church choir, and she substitutes for the organist on occasion. In addition, she has had three compositions for handbells published.

Cathy Morris Day has lived in Texas for nearly 11 years. Her husband is a pastor at a small Baptist church and they have three sons. One is in community college, one is at the University of North Texas and one is in high school. Cathy works as an administrative assistant at a local hospital.

Sue Sendlein Luscomb lives in Germantown, Tenn. Daughter Alicia is a psychology major at Auburn University and daughter Ashton is a senior in high school. Sue has served as a PTA president at her daughters' elementary, middle and high schools. She is also very involved in an educational philanthropic organization for women. To satisfy her nostalgia for her alma mater, Sue's family ordered her a MWC chair for Mother's Day!

Helen Taylor Salter had a very rough winter with health issues, but she is doing much better. **Madelin Jones Barratt** went to Rwanda to visit an orphanage for children whose parents were victims of the genocide. Before leaving, she crossed paths with **Barbara Baylis Hinton** in Falls Church, Va. Barbara and her husband, Don, have two daughters. Laura, 15, plays the bassoon and Jackie, 12, plays the string bass.

Carolyn Roberts and **Susan Grimes** both wrote to tell me about their excellent birthday vacation to New Zealand, where they backpacked, hiked, kayaked and cycled. Susan's 14 year-old-son accompanied them.

Jane Reese is still busy with her consulting business. She was preparing to move to Rehoboth Beach, Del., and commute when necessary. **Martha Prettyman Dinger-Neave** has been a breast cancer survivor for two years. Her husband is a teacher and softball coach at Annandale High School. She still has her plant and aquarium business. Her son has graduated and works nearby. Martha ran into **Hannah Patterson Crew** at the Special Olympic State Games in Richmond, where she and her daughter were volunteering.

Laura Null was my son's eighth grade art teacher this year! I met her six years ago when my daughter was in her class, but I had never made the Mary Washington connection.

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I visited Fredericksburg with **Cheryl Smith Shiembob,** my former roommate, and **Debra Akers Berry** about a month ago. We enjoyed a day of shopping and lunch with **Valerie Stimson McKenney** and **Kathleen Hilker Crockett,** who came down from Northern Virginia. Cheryl and husband Mark celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in November 2003.

Hilary Hammond Bikowski and husband Michael also live in Northern Virginia. They have four children. Hilary was promoted and is now the director of education for the Society of Interventional Radiology.

Eileen Wiles Sateriale and husband Ken live in Bowie, Md., with their two teenage daughters. Eileen works at the Department of the Treasury. The Sateriale family was set to take a summer trip to Reno, Nev.

My husband, Don, and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in October 2003. I'm sure a lot of you are enjoying similar celebrations and occasions that you want to share, so please send your news.

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Life in Lexington, Va., continues to agree with **Anne Sauder.** Her dog, cats and horses thrive on the country life, too. Anne teaches French in both Rockbridge County middle schools, belongs to her church choir and the Rockbridge Choral Society, and is on the church vestry. She also loves to cook (but not to clean up!) and writes a monthly food column for a local publication.

Jeanie Beazley Gilbert is doing well, more than a year after being slammed by Hurricane Isabel. Her husband, Chuck, works for Delta, so the family travels often from their Virginia Beach home. Her daughter, Laura, attends William & Mary. Daughter Melanie, 13, has been a student guest clarinetist with the Virginia Symphony, was an extra in a movie starring Anthony Hopkins, and has danced in *The Nutcracker* with the Moscow Ballet when it came to town.

Cyndi Hammond Sosnowski lives in Westchester, N.Y. Daughter Riley, 3, loves dolls and princess costumes. Her kindergartener son, Tyler, plays soccer for two leagues. Cyndi helps raise money for a local Habitat for Humanity chapter, plays guitar at church for a toddler class twice a week, and has a serious passion for gardening. She keeps in touch with **Sindee Sours,** who lives in New York; and with **Sameena Ahmed** and **Barb Moseley,** both of whom are in Northern Virginia.

Amy Meyers Becker has been living in southern California for the past 20 years. She is married with two children (ages 6 and 8) and a dog. She enjoys working as a project manager for Wonderware, a software company. She and **Beth Murray Patterson** try to get together at least once a year, despite living on opposite coasts.

Janine Peake has happily given up the investment banking lifestyle to become a partner in the New Grafton Art Gallery in London. Her husband, John, is still at IBM while daughters Maria, 8, and Allegra, 7, are thriving. Janine got together with **Ford Hart, Joanne Whelan Nikitakis, Vicky Nichols Wilder, Kit Givens Burns,** and former roommate **Christina Zushin Brown** while visiting Fredericksburg in the summer of 2003. Janine would love to have visitors at her home in the UK.

Leslie Hortum is an executive recruiter at Spencer Stuart, helping to find presidents of organizations including AARP, the American Diabetes Association and the Business Roundtable. For instance, she has been involved in the search to replace Jack Valenti, chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association. Her husband, J.D., is an Episcopal priest and rector of a parish in Alexandria, Va. She has two boys: Evan, 13, and Dru, 11.

Robin King Campbell's daughter, Sarah, is pursuing music (she loves the baritone sax) and theater in college. Her son, Shawn, a senior in high school, wants to play football in college and major in environmental science. Robin brags that Shawn recently set the school record for the bench press. Robin is the guidance director at Osbourn High School in Manassas, Va. She recently spoke to **Fatima Allibhai Khaja,** who is doing well and still living in Fairfax, Va., with her son, Komail.

> **Janine Peake '80 has given up investment banking to become a partner in the New Grafton Art Gallery in London.**

As for **Amy Hauck Newman-Greig,** life is as chaotic and exciting as ever with daughters Kelly and Katleyn, and son Josh. Josh "lives and breathes lacrosse," and the girls also play, so the game schedule dominates their lives from October through June. Amy continues her job as a research chemist at the National Institute on Drug Abuse. She traveled to San Juan last year to chair a symposium. She and her husband, Nigel, also spent two weeks in Europe.

Life is good for **Gail Melanson Carr,** who still is in newlywed mode with her husband, Tom. They were married in June 2003 in a small wedding followed by an Alaskan honeymoon. Gail is working on a second master's degree, this one in school counseling.

Patty Goliash Andril has a vacation house on the West River in Maryland with lots of room for guests, so we should think about a Framar reunion. Patty also reports that while attending a regional science fair with her seventh grade daughter, she was tapped on the shoulder by **Joanne Whelan Nikitakis,** who was there with her daughter. Small world!

Linda Howell Bressler is keeping busy in the great Northwest with her family. Her 16-year-old son is driving and is busy with school and ice hockey, which he hopes to pursue in college.

Sweet Smell a Success

Freshman friends from Bushnell, classes with economics professor Steve Stageberg and smelly sandals all helped make one Mary Washington graduate a successful entrepreneur.

At least that's how **Matt Paxton '97** tells the story.

Paxton works full time selling Paxton Sandal Saver, an all-natural sandal cleaning liquid he developed. The aerosol formula, which sells for about $8 for four ounces, has been featured in such publications as the *Richmond Times Dispatch,* the *Baltimore Sun* and *Coastal Living* magazine.

Paxton's business brainchild was born when his girlfriend threatened to toss him out of the car if he didn't get rid of his stinky sandals. "But this is what I wear; I don't wear shoes," Paxton remembers telling her. "We've got to fix this thing."

The business graduate searched for a product to do just that. When he couldn't find one, he saw an opportunity to help himself and other footloose souls – and to make some money.

Paxton hooked up with an "old-school hippie soap maker" who lives in a teepee in Vermont, maxed out his credit cards and produced 200 cases of sandal cleaning liquid.

His girlfriend stuck around and lent a hand, as did many of Paxton's "Mary Wash" friends. Two alumni helped him draft a business plan, others helped with funding, one gave legal advice, and many helped at trade shows.

"If I need to know something and I can't find it on the Internet in five minutes, I'll pick up the phone and call someone from Mary Wash," Paxton said.

And it is not just their assistance today that has helped Paxton turn a profit selling Sandal Saver in more than 300 stores in the U.S. and Canada. It is also the life skills he acquired starting back in Bushnell in 1993. Paxton credits learning to live with strangers, now a tight-knit network of friends across the country, with making it easy to do what he does every day: talk to potential customers across the nation.

A self-described "typical Richmond boy," Paxton said he met people freshman year from New York and New Jersey. "As far as I was concerned, they might as well have been from Africa," he said. "It forced us to make new friends, to get to know new people, which is what I do every day in business."

Besides people skills, Paxton said he learned sound business principles from his Mary Washington professors. But one teacher, Associate Professor of Economics Steve Stageberg, stands out not only for what he taught, Paxton said, but the passionate way he taught it.

Stageberg's subjects – such as the workings of macro and micro economics – were "not the most exciting topics in the world," Paxton said. "But he taught them like he was going for an Academy Award."

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Paxton draws on Stageberg's model of selling the pedestrian when he's out pounding the pavement marketing Sandal Saver.

"What I do is not sexy, it's not exciting: I make a cleaner for feet and shoes," Paxton said. "But when I sell it, it is my job to make people think I am Tom Cruise."

– Neva S. Trenis

Her two youngest boys, who are both autistic, are doing fine and continue to make progress. Linda and her husband, Mark, are always on the go with meetings, work, hockey and therapy schedules. Mark is still a dermatologist in the same office that **Linda E. Jones** helped them move into many years ago. Speaking of Linda, she is still doing the professor thing at Alfred University, involved in research and teaching. She recently received the New York State University's Chancellor's Award for Research and Scholarship. Linda also has been adding on to her house in upstate New York.

From **Kimm Harty**: "Not much happening out here; same old, same old." She is in her 20th year of living in Utah, "land of clean living, blonde-headed children, and the highest per capita ice-cream-consumption!"

Katy Hayman Sommers has been living in Chesapeake, Va., for the past 15 years. Thanks to her job at Williams-Sonoma, she has a kitchen filled with great gadgets. Her daughter is a freshman at James Madison University, and her son is a sophomore in high school. Katy is in touch with **Kathy Snyder Dooling,** who moved with her family back to Cincinnati in the summer of 2003. Her oldest son is at Indiana University and loves college life. Her middle child is now driving, and her youngest is in sixth grade. Katy and Kathy catch up with each other every summer when Kathy's family spends a week at Virginia Beach.

Kit Givens Burns is enjoying life in Fredericksburg. She and her husband, Howie, are heavily involved with their sons' sports. Kit still plays tennis and golf. She gets together every so often with fellow Fredericksburg Mary Washington grads **Joanne Whelan Nikitakis** and **Vicky Nichols Wilder**. When Kit drives by the campus, she sees the young students and thinks, "That was us once!" Vicky is happy to announce that the first Framar baby is off to college. Her daughter Nicole is attending U.Va.

Kathy Epson Peakes' oldest son, Sean, 20, is a Marine based in Japan on the USS Harpers Ferry. Son Jarrad is a high school junior and a skateboarding fanatic, and daughter Erin has been accepted to a private high school with plans for a career in marine biology or the theater. Kathy loves her career as a financial professional; she helps clients create, manage and protect their wealth and is one of her firm's top representatives. She also enjoys visiting schools to teach kids the value of investing early. On a sad note, Kathy's godmother, **Betty Sparks Unrue '48**, passed away recently. She was the reason Kathy applied to Mary Washington, and Kathy will miss her dearly.

I received a phone call from **Mary Russell Witham,** who is living in Annandale, Va., with husband J.C. and sons Russell, a junior in high school, and Ryan, who is a year old! Ryan was born on April 1, 2003, when his dad was flying F16s over Iraq. J.C. is home now and is a pilot for American Airlines. Besides keeping on her toes with a baby, Mary works as a water fitness instructor. She keeps in touch with her good friend **Julie Jensen Schwartz**, who lives in Fredericksburg.

Theresa Goodwyn-Harmon went to nursing school after Mary Washington and now works for Neighborcare at Home. Her husband, Gary, is a jazz pianist, and they live on the bay in Shadyside, Md. They enjoy traveling.

Ilona Kassy-Schrager lives in Manassas, Va., with husband Alan, and their two boys. Warren, 10, is in the gifted and talented program at school and Aaron, 4, is in the Montessori school where his mom teaches French, Spanish and art. Alan is a percussionist who teaches privately and plays in a jazz band that recently released a CD.

Debra Dovel Daube, who lives in Lake Ridge, Va., was a photographer and real estate agent before becoming a mother to three kids, now ages 18, 12 and 10. Her oldest, David, is a member of the Mary Washington Class of 2007. Debra is the founder of The Preservation Station, an archival and museum supply firm.

George Sempeles, a cartographer for the FAA, traveled to Beijing last December at the invitation of the Chinese government. His mission was to assess China's ability to construct and maintain low-altitude, air-navigation charts. In April 2004, a team of six Chinese aeronautical engineers visited the United States and received intensive training from George on the same topic. His hometown paper, the *Winchester Star,* wrote a nice article about the trip.

Amanda Parker Volkoff and family are back in Annapolis, Md. Her husband, John, was deployed for two years to Central Asia following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. She and daughter Olivia lived in Germany and traveled around Europe for one of those years. Amanda would love to hear from **Moira McKeough Ross**.

Cheryl McKay Comes still is in denial about reaching middle age, even though she inherited five grandchildren. Ryan, her oldest grandson, recently participated in the regional science fair and made it to the state competition level. Cheryl still is at Philip Morris after all these years, but has moved into the public affairs arena. She misses the philanthropic and employee volunteerism work that she was doing in New York, but says it's nice to be back in Richmond.

All is well for me and my family. My husband, Larry, is a patent attorney at Syngenta and his invention, the Kidsmart talking smoke detector, is now being sold. Daughter Katie, 13, made a smooth adjustment to middle school, and son Tanner, 10, is in fifth grade. I continue to work in the elementary school office part time and spend

every other free moment driving kids to their various activities or volunteering somewhere.

Whew, what a fantastic response this time! Everyone seems excited about our 25th reunion in June. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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Elizabeth Sullivan Kling lives in Alexandria, Va., and says she spends most of her time in a minivan. Patrick, 12, plays baseball; Caroline, 10, enjoys horseback riding, Brownies and lacrosse; son Adam is 15 and loves his boarding school on Cape Cod, Mass. Elizabeth keeps in touch with **Beth Brown Gallegos,** who lives in Purcellville, Va., with her husband, Bob, and two children.

Theresa Min Lee was sorry she missed the reunion, but hopes to make the next one. She has three sons: Anthony, Patrick and Tommy. Theresa lives in Woodbridge, Va., and is a payroll specialist in the accounting firm Frisch, Ambrosiano and Kontos.

Susan Leavitt is still on fire in real estate in Northern Virginia. **Myrtle Buchanan** also is in Northern Virginia, where she has worked for 19 years with ATPCO at Dulles Airport. Her beau is a police officer. Myrtle says a big hello to the "gals" who lived on the third floor of Randolph Hall. She was their resident adviser along with **Andra Powell McKown '84.**

Kathleen Hamilton loves living in Virginia Beach. Besides her job as a claims service manager with USAA, she volunteers for the Tidewater Literacy Council and is an elder in her church.

Carter Still Sonders and family spent a week at the Outer Banks this summer. **Andrea Kocolis Hornung**'s husband was still active duty military, working at Marine Corps headquarters on homeland defense issues. Their son Brandon is in kindergarten, and Ryan is nearly 3. Andrea's parents sold their restaurant after 28 years and they love retirement.

Scott Harris was quite busy with the 140th anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of New Market last May. He worked with 2,000 re-enactors, 120 horses and 20 pieces of artillery. Scott also is safety officer for the Little League, on the board of directors of the New Market Chamber of Commerce, and vice president of the Virginia Association of Museums. Scott's wife, **Diann Davis Harris '81**, has returned to nursing. Son Jeff, 13, is an honor roll student involved with band, basketball and Little League. Daughter Becky, 10, is in a baton-twirling club. Scott and his son ran into **Dan '84** and **Anne Thompson Steen** with their two children, Meredith and Harrison, at a Baltimore Orioles game.

Nan Stanford McCarry works part time at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Md. She spent many years at home with Will, 13, and Caroline, 10, but is working her way into a career in molecular biology. Nan and her husband, Caleb, are raising the kids on her parents' farm in Lucketts, Va. Caleb commutes to Washington every day for his job on the House International Relations Committee. Last year, they all went to Donegal, Ireland, the McCarry ancestors' homeland.

Mabel Royal is working in Durham, N.C., for Merix Bioscience. In September 2003, she visited with **Harolyn Berry Bland, Tia Scales** and **Ursula Coleman-Walker** in Lexington, Va., where they met up with **Audrey Poindexter.** Audrey is a designer with Lee Carpets. Mabel also enjoyed a visit with **Verna Williams Watson**, who lives in Bear, Del. Verna and her husband, Pres, have two children, Alexis and Malcolm. Verna works for the Department of Social Services.

Princess Moss has taken a leave of absence from teaching in Louisa County Public Schools to serve as president of the Virginia Education Association. She was looking forward to serving the needs of children and public education in Virginia.

Many changes have taken place in my life. I am continuing in my business but have consolidated it and created a new venture with my husband called Edgewater Medical Consulting. Tom does consulting and I take care of the physicians' offices. We are considering office space to accommodate our growth. I'm still running and competed in a duathlon in Louisville in August, and came in 12th in my division. Then, all of us in my Louisville running group participated in a Virginia Beach half marathon in September.

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Jackie St. Martin '85 says that **Cab Bennett** was married in April to a local television entertainment reporter in Las Vegas, where Cab has lived for 15 years. The celebration was attended by several Mary Washington alumni including **Barry McCormick, Gordon "Chip" Wood, Dan Ratner '87** and **Todd Vecchio '87.**

Patti Covington Petrone still is in Florida. She is the financial systems manager for the City of Orlando. **R. Lee Wheless** lives in Fredericksburg, where he is a self-employed goldsmith and gemologist. He graduated – again – from Mary Washington in May 2003 with a master's degree in liberal studies.

Ginny McNeill Poindexter sends kudos to **Chris Mastal Winicki**, who has been very involved with a support group for military families. In addition to helping others, Chris managed life with three boys while her husband was deployed. Ginny is now senior trial counsel for St. Paul Travelers in Richmond. She and her husband, Gordon, an editor for *Style Weekly,* have two daughters and live in a 100-year-old house in the Fan District. She frequently runs into **Donna Metzger Lantagne** and her family.

René Thomas-Rizzo '87 dropped a line about several members of our class, reporting that **Dorothy Rounds Blagrove** and husband Peter were expecting a little boy. Rene was honored to be part of **Marykate Behan Dougherty's** wedding in October 2003.

Kathy Murphy Ramsey and husband Steve, as well as **Helen Morrow Worst** and husband Jeremy also attended the wedding. Kathy, who lives in Connecticut, has two boys who keep her very busy. Helen, who lives in Rockville, Md., works for the Food and Drug Administration. Helen and Dorothy's husbands work for the same company.

Speaking of Connecticut, **Deb Hass McKinney** bumped into **Lisa Harvey** last winter at a UConn Huskies women's basketball game in Hartford, Conn. It turns out that Lisa and Deb are both avid fans.

Irene Thomaidis Cimino and husband Bill took a fabulous trip to Hawaii. **Tracy Greener Hollan** is teaching at daughter Reagan's school this year, and **Ann Stack** got married in July 2004. Lisa, Tracy, Rene and Ann rented a Delaware beach house in June along with **Jocelyn Piccone Allgood, Stephanie Doswald Sebolt, Michelle Runge, Kristi Williams McCune** and **Brenda Thier Evans** to celebrate their collective 40th birthdays.

Mina Holden Horn and husband **Todd '84**, who were staying nearby with their children, Grayson, Silas and Scarlett, also joined in the week of fun. **Kathy Powers Cunius '87** made a day trip from Connecticut to visit with the crew and **Kelly Suda White**, who lives in nearby Salisbury, Md., dropped by. Kelly, who now has two children, operates her own day care center.

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Peter Ugincius and his wife, Maria, had their first baby, Elizabeth, who is nearly a year old now. Peter has been working at Fannie Mae for two years. **Rob Dickey** was married in July 2004.

Linda Redman Mohr moved to Germany after graduation and worked for the Army as a tour planner and guide. She returned to the United States a few years later to work for the Navy in Dahlgren, Va. She also earned a master's degree in operations research from George Washington University and in 1998, moved to Seattle with her fiancé to work for Boeing. Linda got married in 2000 and had her first son, Trace, last January. She has traveled around the world and plans to continue with trips to Hawaii, Germany and the Caribbean.

> **JANE ELLEN BRENNAN HERRIN '87** *IS LIVING IN TENNESSEE WITH HER HUSBAND, JIM. SHE IS A MORNING DJ ON MAGIC 98.5 FM; JIM IS THE NEWS ANCHOR ON HER SHOW, THE JANE ELLEN EXPERIENCE. JANE, WHO HAD SURGERY IN 2002 AND HAS LOST 185 POUNDS AND 114 INCHES, SERVES AS A LOCAL GASTRIC BYPASS SURGERY SPOKESWOMAN.*

Jennifer Lee Parrish Walker is a managing partner at the law firm of Roberts, Ashby & Parrish in Fredericksburg. She practices primarily in the areas of civil defense, employment law and education law.

Gail Ziegler married Mark Pietrafesa in 2002 and received three wonderful stepchildren as a bonus. Gail and her family live outside of Albany, N.Y., where she works as the instructional technology lead teacher for a public school district.

Monique Wengler is working as a paralegal in international contracts at a software company in Northern Virginia, where she enjoys using her foreign language skills in an international work environment.

Mike Good and his family recently moved back to Charlotte, N.C., after living in Richmond for four years. Their son, Thomas James Good, was born in March 2003, joining sisters Savanna, 7, and Madison, 5. Mike is corporate finance and planning manager with Royal and SunAlliance Insurance and is studying to become a certified public accountant. **Liz Proutt Connelly** left her job in Washington, D.C., to become a full-time mom and move to her dream house in the country. She and her husband, Chris, bought 3 acres on the water outside Easton, Md. Liz would love to hear from **Polly Van Dyke Tarbell.**

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin is living in Tennessee with her husband, Jim; they celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary with a cruise to the Florida Keys and the Bahamas with some of

their morning radio-show listeners. The Jane Ellen Experience show (Jim is her news anchor) can be viewed at www.magic985.com. A public television station is featuring Jane in a weight-loss documentary. Jane is a local gastric bypass surgery spokeswoman; she had surgery in 2002 and has lost 185 pounds and 114 inches.

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Kris Kabza lives in Fredericksburg with his wife, **Jennifer Levine Kabza '92**; son Kyle, 4; and daughter Emily, 2. Kris has coached the Mary Washington women's rugby team for 13 years and is also a software engineer at a naval research lab facility. Jen stays busy with the children, but still plays the flute with a local orchestra. Kris reported that **Doug Bronski** and his wife, **Tracey Metcalf Bronski**, were expecting twin girls.

After working for the Army for nearly 10 years, **Mary Frances White**, a BLS student, now does a lot of volunteering for various organizations including AARP and Orange County TRIAD. She is also a breakfast buddy to a third-grade student in Orange Elementary School.

Lisa McKenna Cassidy Norton has three children: Jimmy, 3; Will, 2, and Julia, 1. She is a speech language pathologist in the public schools. **Anna Wilson Hudson** joined Greystone Financial Group, a MetLife agency in Roanoke, Va., as a financial services representative. She is excited to be working with **Amy Cox Moore '84** and would love to hear from other alumni in the Roanoke area.

Maurice "Mo" Morgan sent greetings from overseas. Mo has spent the last 14 years in Niger, Switzerland and Italy. He and his wife, Lilian, and their three children have lived in Rome for the last six years. He teaches Hebrew and Greek at an evangelical seminary.

Doug Foley and his wife, Sherri, are keeping busy in Virginia Beach. They were expecting their third child. Doug is a partner at McGuire Woods in Norfolk, where he has worked since 1994.

Leslie Whitener and **Bob Turner** have three girls who keep them busy. Bob works for Lockheed Martin in Washington. **Michelle Benner D'Ercole** and her husband, Matt, have four children and live in Centreville, Va. In February, they all got together with **Lisa Alberse** for a casino night. At church, Leslie sees **Sereina '87** and **Jorge Delarosa '86** and their three children: Alex, Lila and John. Leslie also reported that she attended a party at **Susan Bunch Bailey**'s home in Culpeper, Va., near her family's farm. Susan has a son, Chase, and a daughter, Augusta.

Bob and Leslie also visited with **Pat McAleer '89** and his family in Richmond. Pat and his wife, Molly, have two daughters. They missed seeing **Tim Brizzolara** and his wife, Susan, who were enjoying a weekend away, but did get to see the Brizzolara kids, who were staying with the McAleers.

Stephanie Erwin Behn and her husband, Kevin, live in Iowa and love it. Finally, congratulations to **Jamie May**, who got married last May in Williamsburg, Va.

Here's a quick update on me: I live in Bristow, Va., with my husband, Jim, and our two kids, Matthew and Katie. I work for a small association that assesses the nutritional and allergen information for restaurant menus.

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From Dia:

I continue to keep busy as field placement coordinator for Winthrop University's College of Education. My husband, Deron, and I visited friends and family this summer.

Stephanie Smythers Carr and her husband, Scotty, celebrated the arrival of their second child last June, Kaycee Marie, who joins big brother Jackson. Stephanie is assistant director of residence life at JMU.

Jennifer Bryant Langdale reports that her husband, Jay, was diagnosed with leukemia in June 2001 and received a bone marrow transplant last year. He still was in the recovery process when I heard from her, but they are very hopeful. After spending several months in Houston for treatment, they returned to Florida where Jay is working on his dissertation at the University of Florida.

Rhonda Lefever Poff and her husband, John, live in Matthews, N.C., with their two children, Maddy and Evan. Rhonda's Mary Washington roommate, **Nancy Askew Sheleheda**, and her husband, Mike, had their first child in July 2003, Clayton Frank. Nancy managed the annual giving department at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., but recently moved to the IT department; Mike is a stay-at-home dad.

Kim Cavedo Longenecker and her husband had a baby girl in April 2003; she joined a big brother. They live in Richmond. Kim earned a master's degree in May 2003 from Mary Baldwin College, but is taking a break from teaching to stay home with her children. Kim remains best friends with **Pam Smith Davis**, who has two sons and is a teacher in Albemarle County, Va.

Courtney Wait Speer and her husband, Greg, live in Charlotte, N.C., and were expecting a second child to join son Nicholas. **DeAnna Toten-Beard** received a Ph.D. in theater history, literature and criticism from Indiana University in 2001. She has a job at Baylor University as assistant professor, which she loves, and is also doing a lot of writing. She contributed a chapter to *Blackwell's Companion to Twentieth Century American Drama*. She and her husband, Kemper, have two children – Gracie, 10, and Henry, 5.

Molly Brown Phelps and her husband, Randy, welcomed son Tristan Lawrence Phelps in February. He joins sister Mikayla.

From Amy:

My husband, Steve, and I welcomed a baby girl, Caroline Rose, on Halloween 2003. I'm staying home with her and thoroughly enjoy it.

Kendal Powers Kruse and her husband, Kent, live in Richmond with their daughter, Hanna. Expecting a baby boy, Kendal was working part time as an account manager for Dominion Benefits. She often gets together with **Heather O'Donnell King** and her sons, Liam and Dalton, for play dates. Heather and her husband, Tim, also live in Richmond. Heather works part time as an organizational development manager at Capital One. Heather also keeps in touch with **Brantlee Campbell Lemmink '92**. Brantlee works as Technology Architecture Operations Manager at Ferguson Enterprises and lives with her husband Jason and son Alex in Yorktown, Va.

Lisa Gates Brunetti also works at Capital One, as a senior human resources consultant in the Northern Virginia office. Lisa and her husband, Joe, have a baby boy, J.P. **Lori Bluhm Layman** has moved to Richmond with her husband, Bob, and three children: Campbell, Emily and Grace. **Lucy Mullis Kitner** and her husband, Oliver, also recently relocated. They now live in Atlanta with their daughter, Sloane. Lucy is the director of administration and governance for the American College.

Cindy Roberts is living in Australia and working on a master's degree after spending several years in New York working for MSNBC.

Barbara "B.J." Gibbons-Thompson lives in Tucson. She and her fiancé, Eric, were planning a wedding in Hawaii. B.J. wears three hats – she works at the NBC affiliate, does some work in commercials and is into real estate development.

Kristina Jones Harless is an associate with Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, working in the employment law and workers' compensation practice groups. Kristina earned her law degree at the University of Akron in Ohio.

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Todd Stayin is married and living in Clifton, Va. The director of engineering network integration for Winstar Communications, he plays doubles tennis every week with **Mike Antonio**, **Steve Wohleking '91** and **Joe King**. They also play softball on a team that includes **Dave Sanders '91**, **Ben Hurley '91**, **Jeff Miers '90**, **Mark Mesterhazy '91**, **Gary Witzenburg '91**, **James Whalen '91**, and **Bart LaGrassa '93**.

MARCI MICHAUD '92 *HAS RETURNED TO THE U.S. AFTER LIVING FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY. SHE RECENTLY BEGAN A JOB WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.*

Michele Abernathy Loving lives with husband Mike in Middletown, Md. They were expecting their first child in June. Michele is a school psychologist in the Howard County Public Schools and is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Wendy Scott and **Ken Stuck '90** live in Newport News, Va., with their two children. Wendy no longer teaches high school Spanish, but plans to return to teaching after both kids are in school.

Michaela Lajda Ames lives in Kentucky with husband Justin. They were planning to buy their first home. "Mish" works as a free-lance translator and interpreter. **Lisa E. Bevell** is in Northern Virginia. **Kimberly Eckhart Piper**'s husband, Keith, has successfully fought cancer. They have three children. Kimberly is a stay-at-home mom who volunteers at her church and teaches piano lessons.

Patty Mims and her husband, Mike Geltinger, had their first child, Ava Catherine, in February. **Laura Jones Sabo** and husband Greg had a baby girl, Lois, last December. She joins older brother Oliver, 2. **Jean Melvin** married Lance James in September 2003 in Baltimore.

Nell Ford and **Joe Clayton** have been married since September 2000. They recently bought a house in Hampton, Va. Nell is a lawyer in Virginia Beach, and Joe is a financial adviser who recently completed his MBA at William and Mary.

Emma Collins Knight lives in Savannah, Ga. She has two sons,

Colin and Evan. **Betsy Lindsey** recently completed an MBA at the University of Washington. She lives in Seattle and works for Silicon Valley Bank.

Tammy Cakouros George and husband Paul live in Bristow, Va. They have three children: Nathan, 8; Alex, 6; and Bridget, 3. Tammy is a part-time therapist and school volunteer. **Sara Askew McGovern** lives down the street from Tammy. Her daughter Emily, 2, is friends with Tammy's Bridget. Sara was expecting a baby boy in the summer.

Joanna Raterman Taylor lives in Connecticut with her husband and three children. **Karen Blocker '91** teaches fifth grade in Bristow, Va.

Emily Riebau, who lives in Port St. Lucie, reports that she was declared in remission from cancer in August 2003. Sadly, her husband of 27 years, William, passed away last December. In addition, Emily recently suffered extensive damage to her home and pool from Hurricane Frances but, fortunately, was not injured.

James "Darrin" Cassedy and **Kari Rice '94** live in Manassas, Va., with their dog and two cats. Darrin is a police officer and Kari is an occupational therapist for Fairfax County Public Schools. They are pursuing domestic adoption of an infant and welcome any leads or information.

Lance Whitesel is a senior software engineer for VTC in Alexandria, Va. He and **Jennifer Murphy Whitesel '90,** live in Springfield, Va. Jen is a stay-at-home mom for their three boys and is also a kickboxing instructor.

Karolyn Hall works in the travel business in Richmond, organizing group motor-coach tours. She is very active in tennis, golf and scuba diving, and plays in a soccer league with **Gabby Sulzbach**.

After spending six years teaching high school math and coaching sports, **Susan Myers Garber** is enjoying time at home with her three children.

Brady Chapman resides at the beach in Bradenton, Fla., with wife Kristen, and their 2-year-old son, Cal. Brady owns a small insurance agency. **Jeremiah Brophy** lives in South Africa. **Thomas Brophy '94** lives in Washington, D.C., with wife Gemma. Their first child was born last spring. **Jay McNamara '94** and wife Stephanie, who live in Chesapeake, Va., had their first child last spring.

Dave Derkowski lives in Chicago and works for Warner Brothers promoting bands. He and wife Michelle have two daughters.

Jennifer Freed has remained in the Fredericksburg area since graduation. She works at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, and last year received two awards at a ceremony to coincide with Dahlgren's 85th anniversary. **Linda Kelly Hadley** and husband Jeff have moved to Apex, N.C.; daughter Anna Grace was born in February 2003.

Jen Strong York and husband Scott had a baby girl, Sara, in April 2003. They now live in Temecula, Calif. Jen is an analyst for a financial consulting firm. She sees **Paul Sargent '94** and wife Colleen, and **Matt Sawyer** and wife Jodi, frequently. On a trip to Virginia, Jen saw **Cristin Tomassone** and husband, **John Pozniak '90.** They recently had their third child and live in Ashburn, Va.

Jackie Rueckert Lakely '91 is thriving as an artist and living in Arlington, Va., with husband Jim. **Lydia Cordes '93** graduated from law school last summer and was trying to decide where to practice. **Rebecca Gajadalo Gruber** lives in Ellicott City, Md., with husband Dave and their two sons. **Chrissy Gray** is an assistant principal in Washington, D.C.

Paul Greene has settled in Fort Worth, Texas, after spending the first five years after graduation in the U.S. Virgin Islands. (Several hurricanes blew him out of there!) Paul is now senior financial representative for Fidelity Investments.

Melissa Brugh finished her MBA at Regent University in May 2002 and is an IT business analyst for Sentara Healthcare. She is happily single and involved in her church.

Dawn Sauter-Regan '91 and husband Ed live in McLean, Va., with son Matthew, 3, and daughter Sarah Emily, 1. Dawn received a Ph.D. in economics and worked for the government, but is now a full-time mom.

Brian Miller lives in Herndon, Va., with wife Brijet and four children. He is a software developer for General Dynamics and received an M.S. in information systems from George Mason University in 2002.

Doug Stanley and Jenny Springer '94 live with their daughter in Front Royal, Va. Doug is the Warren County administrator, and Jenny is the reading and writing specialist for Manassas Park Middle School.

Andrea Feeback-Lee and husband Joe recently moved to the San Francisco Bay area Andrea is a pediatrician, and Joe is a urologist. They had a baby boy, Michael, in August 2003.

Matthew H. Downs is an accountant for Keane in Boston. In summer he fishes in Nantucket and in winter, he skis in Vermont.

Bob Jones lives in Miami Beach, where he operates several nightclubs. **Laura Jones Sabo**, **Jeanne Edwards**, **Andrew Salp '94** and his wife **Jill Whelan '94**, and **Eric Boler '91** have all visited.

Jennifer Stallings Herndon and husband Rob have three children and live in Newport News, Va. **Mary Kay Jasper Hornberger** lives in Chester, Va., with her husband and two daughters. **Jarrod A. Epps** has lived in Prague for eight years. He sold his business and is now working with a tech firm. He spends most of his vacation time traveling around the world.

Mark Clark is married and has two kids. He lives in the Washington, D.C., area. **Sean Holcomb** lives in San Francisco with his wife and daughter. **Brendan Casey** is married and living in Chicago.

Lara Hausch earned a master's degree from U.Va. She now lives in Sterling, Va., and teaches high school French. The teacher she replaced was also a Mary Washington graduate: **Ashlee Talbott-Boehret '95**. Lara is coaching girls' tennis again and enjoys traveling. **Chris Knighting** is an elementary school teacher in Baltimore.

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Kate Stanford McCown and husband John had a daughter, Mary Ella, in June 2003. Kate is an attorney with the Office of General Counsel at the Social Security Administration. She and her family live in Burke, Va.

After living in Japan, Maryland, South Korea and Connecticut, **Victoria "Vicki" Inge Jones** settled in Corpus Christi, Texas, with husband Thomas and four kids.

Andy Gustafson is married and living in Northern Virginia. He is the author of *23 Days in Korea: An American at the World Cup*. **Amanda "Mandy" J. Harden Anderson** is married and living in Spotsylvania County. She earned an MS in systems engineering from George Mason University and works for Northrop Grumman Mission Systems.

Keri Crawford DeAngelis is director of marketing for Hasbro Toys. She lives in Westwood, Mass., with husband Bob and son Matthew.

Steve and **Sarah Atkins Jenkins** have two boys. Steve is a senior quality adjustor at World Access, and Sarah is a lead software developer for Farm Bureau Insurance.

Jennifer Blashkiw Pawley earned a master's degree in German from Ohio State University. She is married and works as a publishing coordinator for School Specialty Children's Publishing, formerly McGraw-Hill Children's Publishing.

Jennifer Tompkins Knutsson and husband Eric have two children. Jennifer teaches first grade in Spotsylvania County and keeps in touch with roommates **Kim Nagy Perez**, who got married in November 2003; **Janine Burpo Morrison**; and **Staci Musselman Howard**.

Randy and **Debbie Krauth Dail** report that Randy's father passed away in November as a result of a rare cancer.

The "Happy Twins," **Jeni Levering Galvin** and **Katie Levering Sears**, both are married and live outside of Charlottesville, Va. Katie has two children and has started a landscape maintenance business. Jeni helps with the business and also does vegetable gardening.

Karen Cerra and husband **Derek Hardy '93** live in Warrenton, Va., with their two children. Karen is a stay-at-home mom, and Derek is a crime-scene detective with Fairfax County.

Jennifer Moravec Madison '93 lives in Glen Allen, Va., with husband Kelly and their three children. **Malia Hamilton** lives and works in New York and was planning a wedding for November.

Kate Gordon Crossman and husband Matt live on the North Carolina coast with son William Henry, 7, and daughter Mary Ellen, 5. Kate does freelance print and web work. **Carol Holsinger Zuraf** and husband Mike recently left downtown Fredericksburg for a larger home in Spotsylvania. They have two young children.

Dawn Stone Chenault lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with husband Stan and their two children. Dawn works for Massey Energy at its corporate headquarters in downtown Richmond. Dawn reports that **Rowena Poythress-Callis** lives in Richmond with husband Todd.

Vanessa Martin Johnson worked in banking and health insurance for several years, but now stays home with daughter Rachel and son Nicholas.

Julie Lail Porter is married and lives in Norfolk with her husband and two children. She is director of IT development for Abacus Communications; in her spare time, she likes to travel and work on their circa-1935 house.

Mary Ryan Cox is married and lives in Fairfax, Va. She is a project manager for Paradigm Development. **Dorothy Ogburn Wood** and her husband have a baby girl. **Steve Lee** and wife **Lindsay Mast '93** have two children: Cameron, 7, and Sydney, 6. Steve works for a defense contractor.

Tevin Chaney lives in Williamsburg, Va., and owns his own miniature golf course. **Rebecca Murphy Fox '90** lives in Richmond with her husband and two children, Matthew and Jordan. She is an elementary school teacher and sells Creative Memories scrapbooking supplies. **Susan Rankin Combs** lives in Herndon and is a teacher. She has a son, Cameron, 5. Susan is working on a master's degree in library science.

Ruth Pollack Marr lives in Woodbridge, Va., and is staying home with Evan, 5; Katherine, 3; and Nathaniel, 1.

Lyn Rahilly is married and lives in Burke, Va. She is an attorney for the Department of Homeland Security.

Nicole Brown Davidson was married in October 2003. After a Hawaiian honeymoon, she and her husband came home, sold her condo in two weeks, and

then spent the holidays looking for their first house. They moved into their new home last February.

Suzie Head Smartt, **Rebecca Gajdalo Gruber** and **Sarah Perri Spalding** met in March for a long weekend at Suzie's home in Dallas. Suzie and husband Chris have two children. Rebecca lives in Maryland with husband Dave and their two sons. Sarah lives in Orlando with husband John and their two daughters.

Todd Bosch and wife Linda live in Oyster Bay, N.Y. Todd works for Morgan Stanley in New York and jet-sets around the world on business. **Karen Richardson** lives in Fredericksburg with partner Julie. Karen is a high school teacher in Stafford County. She and Julie spend lots of time camping, canoeing, kayaking and hiking. **Erin Patrick Duncan** lives in Northern Virginia with husband **Billy Duncan '91** and daughters Abbey, 4, and Cassidy, 2. Erin works part time as a physical therapist, and enjoys vacationing at the beaches in North Carolina.

Cindy Short Wood recently moved to Pensacola, Fla., with husband Jon and their four children. **Marci Michaud** has returned to the U.S. after living for several years in Istanbul, Turkey. She recently began a job with the World Health Organization and hopes to move abroad again. **Peter Novak** lives in Modesto, Calif., with his wife and daughter.

Jay and I added to our family by having twins in October 2003. Carson and Jackson were born with only one minute separating them. (I am sure they will argue over that minute many times in the future!) They join brother Mercer, 3. I work part time as a librarian at Brentsville District High School in Prince William County.

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From Cheryl:

Jonathan "Jono" Crowe is still in Fresno, Calif., with the FBI and has a lot of good news to share. He married Lori Donahue in May 2003 at Mountain Lake, Va., and they honeymooned on Kauai, Hawaii. In February, they welcomed their son, Jackson Edward Crowe, who weighed in at over 10 1/2 pounds.

Jason Caddell lives in Washington, D.C., and works at Inner Ear Studios in Arlington, Va. **Amy Mumpower Atkinson** lives in Mechanicsville, Va., with her husband, Stephen, and recently welcomed a baby boy, Henry Wayne, who joins sister Madeline.

Chris '94 and **Jennifer Hawkins Whyte** are expecting a second baby. **Ross Ramsey** lives in Atlanta, where he is a financial adviser, with wife Lori and daughter Hallie, 1. **Dodd Terry** was married in August 2003. He and his wife, Ami, live in southern New Jersey near Philadelphia.

Alyson Scimeca Brody and her husband, David, had a baby, Alexander Scimeca, in January. **J. Suzanne Horsley** completed the first year of a doctoral program at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She has traveled to London, New Orleans and Toronto. In April, **Cindy Dunnavant Easterday** and **Leann Vernon** traveled with Suzanne to Atlanta to attend the wedding of their former resident adviser, **Victoria Embs '92**.

Aimee Cooper Starr and husband David live in Alexandria, Va., and were expecting their first child.

I am doing well in Roanoke. I enjoy working at my new firm and am trying to get through dog-obedience school with my dog, Charlie.

From Bethany:

Hope Glass Marquart has settled in Ellicott City, Md., with her husband, daughter and son. Hope's former roommate, **Amy Wisnosky Belote**, lives only about 35 minutes away in Lutherville, Md., with her husband, Brett, and two sons. Hope and Amy often get together with their children.

Kathy Mulvaney works as special exhibitions coordinator for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. **Elizabeth Bauer** and **Dave Henrickson '91** live in Warrenton, Va., with daughter Libby, who just turned 1. Elizabeth is executive director of the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation.

Marla Jo Bennett married Paul Fiffick in September 2003. They live in Northern Virginia, and Marla is executive director for the Workplace Injury Litigation Group.

Jason Ackerman was scheduled to take a leave of absence from his job as a senior manager at Navigant Consulting to volunteer with Catholic Relief Services, traveling to Benin and Liberia to work as an internal auditor.

Nikki Dunnivan Christmas and husband Brian welcomed son Joshua in January; he joins sister McKenna. **Debbie Newell Scott** and husband Sean live in Sterling, Va., with their children, Alex and Rachel. **Stacey McInerney Law** is a teacher who lives with husband Chris and son Nathan in Stafford, Va.

As for me, **Ben '95** and I are getting settled in our home in Arlington. I really love my job as special assistant to the president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Ben is a research assistant for the world economic affairs division of the International Monetary Fund.

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From outgoing Class Agent **Courtney Quillen**:

Leslie Ptashinski was planning an October wedding. She lives in New Jersey and works at Phillips-Van Heusen. She still plays field hockey, is an avid cyclist, lifts weights and runs. She also helped organize an annual bike ride to raise money for the American Diabetes Association, a cause dear to her because she lost her father to this disease.

Jeannette Hallock-Solomon lives in Fort Collins, Colo., with husband Michael and their two sons. **Dawn Baugher Agostini** is an optometrist in Maryland and has two children: Benjamin, 3; and Samantha, 1. **Nick Miller** lives in San Antonio with his wife and two sons. He filled us in on some news of his acquaintances. **Wade Scott "Spidey" Pate '95** and his wife, Sharon, had their first child in January. **Mel Self Whisnant** and husband Todd were expecting their first child this fall.

Annie Lellinger Schaller and husband Bo were expecting their first child in October. **Sandy Fowlkes** and **Todd Lennox** expected a little sister for daughter Kaitlin, 2. They moved to San Antonio, where Todd is now chief of contracting for the Southwest region of the Army. Sandy has put her teaching career on hold.

Jackie McCauley and husband **Hunter Clark '93** were expecting a baby girl in August. She joins big brother Ethan, 2. They live in the Richmond area, where Jackie is a full-time mom. **Ashley Herron Scott** and husband Kevin welcomed their first child, Cameron Hunter Scott, in March 2003. Ashley works part time in a music therapy private practice. **Mary E. Andrews** and **Troy Sacquety '95** had their first baby, Jackson, last December.

Sarah Anne Brewer Sumpolec was offered a five-book contract for her young adult fiction series. Two are out, and the third will be released next spring. She has also been asked to co-author a screenplay. Sarah and husband Jeff have three daughters.

Vanessa Steele Szemenyei is married and has two daughters. She lives in Bethlehem, Pa., and works part time as an insurance agent. **Sara "Kim" Anderson Rainey** lives in San Diego with her husband and daughter. She is a speech pathologist. After a year of teaching at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., **Karen Hatwell** moved back to Maryland. She teaches at Villa Julie College, a small liberal arts school in Baltimore. Since graduation, **Chris Carroll Engle** has moved cross-country twice; she now is back in Virginia. She is the pricing manager for an international steamship line. In her free time, she coaches gymnastics.

Joe Moorman earned a master's degree in business and lives in Williamsburg with his wife. He is chief financial officer of JK Management Group and is working toward a Ph.D. in finance.

Jen McKay McGuckin is married and lives in Alexandria, Va. She recently met up with **Mary Trocchia Rasa** and **Carrie Price Harper** for a girls' night out.

Brooke Vallaster moved about five years ago to a small coastal town in Georgia. She works on Sapelo Island as the education coordinator for the National Estuarine Research Reserve. **Nick Duncan** worked as a fisheries technician in Oregon, but changed gears and is now cooking for a medium-size casino. He planned to attend a culinary arts school in the fall.

Eric "Snuffy"Axelson has been on tour with his new band, Maritime. He lives in Washington, D.C. His former band, The Dismemberment Plan, broke up last fall after four records and tours of the U.S., Japan and Europe.

By the time you read this, I will be **Courtney Quillen Roberts**. My wedding to Jim Roberts took place in July. We live in La Plata, Md., where I work as an elementary school counselor. Classmates who participated in my wedding or the preparations – or simply provided moral support – included **Stacy Lucas**, **Joyce Solomon Toal**, **Sarah Kanney Brabo**, **Deb Hodges Shelton** and **Kelley Huston Ralston**. Keep your news coming to the new class agents!

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From outgoing Class Agent **Jill McDaniel**:

Wow! It has been great hearing from so many of you. All of our accomplishments since graduation are so amazing. **Carrie Columbia** and **Jeff Campbell '97** had a baby girl, Catherine Adele, last February. Jeff recently graduated from Drew University with a master of divinity degree. **Katy Burke Stribling** lives in Annandale, Va., with her husband and two children. **Amy Minter Calfee** got married in August 2002 and lives in Charlottesville, Va. She is a mom as well as a nurse practitioner. **Carin Gsellman Feick** is an occupational therapist in Maryland. She is married and has a daughter.

Jill Chamberlin Powell works in Arlington as a marketing manager for

Federal Realty Investment Trust. She and Brian live in Lake Ridge, Va., and were awaiting the birth of their first baby in September. **Ann Rasmussen Krannitz** and husband Stefan live in Germany with their two children. **Heather Bensten-Schone** lives in Northern Virginia with husband Lance and their two daughters. **Maureen Berry Ritt** is now a mom to two. Another new mom is **Tracy Vecchione**, who had a boy, Joshua Tyler, with husband **Stan Fissel '95**. Tracy is a school social worker.

Jarrett L. and **Dru Abramson Perdue '97** were awaiting the birth of their daughter in June. Dru received a second degree from Mary Washington in May – her M.Ed. Jarrett is trying his hand at freelance writing.

Jamie Wasserman and wife Michelle celebrated the New Year with the birth of their son, Alex. Jamie is a technical writer in Baltimore and develops online courses as well as graphics and web design. **Bryan Tucker** and wife Puja are new parents, as are **Bharat Somanath** and his wife. Both couples live in Florida.

Emily "Kate" Campbell McPhatter gave birth to baby Emma Catherine last January. Kate is enjoying a leave of absence from Lynchburg City Schools, where she teaches eighth grade Earth science.

Lisa Errickson Henry is marketing manager of a four-hospital health system in Harrisburg, Pa. She and husband Kevin have two children. Lisa is working on a master's degree in health care administration.

Anndelynn "Andi" Tapscott and **William "Tug" Martin** are new parents to William McTyeire Martin V, born last March. They live in Littleton, Colo., where their neighbors are Tom and **Samantha "Sam" Morris Schroeder**.

Brenna Hall Hessler received a nursing degree from Marymount University in 2001 and works at Fairfax Hospital as a labor and delivery nurse. She and Jody have two children. **Kathleen Harter Lundahl** lives in Rota, Spain, with husband Dave and son Joseph. **Jennifer Crowley Fyke** works for the Coast Guard Foundation. She has a son, Benjamin, and lives in Stonington, Conn.

Christine Warden Gilley lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with husband David and daughter Grace Margaret. Christine is a project control manager with Computer Sciences Corp. **Amy Gulick Frigaard** and husband Scott were awaiting the birth of their second child in June.

Edwina Wilson Word and husband Mark have two children. Edwina works for GE Financial Assurance, now Genworth, and is a very active member in Toastmasters International, winning several competitions. **Alison Knuth Brown** and husband Jason live in Los Angeles. Alison is a director at Millward Brown, a leading brand research company, and has a son, Rowan.

Kari Neckel Mitchum is a mom and works at ICBA. She lives with her family in Fairfax Station, Va. **Lowell '95** and **Dana Birkholz Whitney** live in Florence, Mont., with daughter Alison. Lowell is managing a habitat conservation plan for the state of Montana and U.S. Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Dana is a marketing representative for Missoula Federal Credit Union.

Also in Montana were **Erik** and **Martha Fay Burtis**. Erik recently earned a master's degree in geology, and Martha worked as director of web development at the University of Montana. Erik began pursuing a Ph.D. in geology this fall at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Troy Huffman works for Archstone-Smith, a property management company, and lives in Northern Virginia. He and his wife had a baby girl in March. **Tomaudrie Rudd** and **Harry Thomas '97** live in Fredericksburg with Brenea, 6, and Brysen, 2. Harry finished his first year as director of counseling at North Stafford High School last summer, and Tomaudrie is an intensive probation and parole officer.

Tiffany Hill Jones lives in Norfolk. **Tanya Thrasher Logan** works in McLean, Va., as an accounting supervisor. **Erin McGintee Conlon** completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is now doing an allergy and immunology fellowship there. She and husband Dave welcomed daughter Nora Marie in March. Erin was a guest at **Kevin Cooke's** wedding to Maria Nielson in October 2003. **Mike Mattock**, **Pete Sullivan '97**, and **Aaron Mudry '97** were in the wedding party. Other guests included **Fred** and **Cheryl Cole Nelson '95**, **Kurt Bratten** and wife Sally, **Craig Fear** and **Adam Lurie**. Mike and Adam both had wedding plans for the fall.

John Probasco lives in Wrightstown, N.J., with wife Denise, and is working on his family's farm. **Kathleen Heather Hallowes** is married and lives in New York.

Lori Stevens was busy with wedding plans. She works for Amerigroup Corp. in Virginia Beach as director of regulatory compliance. **Stephanie Phillips Kramer** was married last May. She teaches fourth grade and lives in Richmond. **Bichlan "Bic" Nguyen DeCaro** was married last June. She lives with her husband and two dogs in Great Falls, Va. Bic is senior executive director of business development for AHC Inc. and also is a real estate agent.

Angie Long and husband **Warren Fischi '93** are living in Richmond. Angie is a licensed social worker. **Jenna Thomas Amirault** and husband Chris live in Connecticut. **Victoria "Tori" Hillyer** and **Bill Brantley '95** moved from Woodbridge, Va., to the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria. Tori works for the U.S. Navy Aegis Program at the Washington Navy Yard, and Bill works for the government in logistics. Bill loves to spend his summers playing baseball, and Tori challenged herself to participate in a 330-mile bike ride in June to raise money for a charity.

Gretchen Hurley is working on a master's degree at Georgetown. **Joanna Osborne** recently earned an MFA. **Peter Steinberg** recently published his first book, *Sylvia Plath*. He lives in Boston's North End and works in the financial intelligence unit at Boston Private Bank and Trust Co. Also living in Boston is **Anne Harrel,** who owns her own business.

Keith and **Christina "Chrissy" Kauten '94 Steury** fulfilled a lifelong dream and ran in the Dublin Marathon. **Amy Wood** and husband Jordan recently moved to St. Louis.

Jennifer Bendery moved with partner Ruth to Austin, Texas. Jennifer is a political writer covering the Texas legislature. She is also a book and music critic for an international online pop culture magazine and has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

> **Christina Kauten '94 *and* Keith Steury '96 *fulfilled a lifelong dream and ran in the* Dublin Marathon.**

Mike and **Christina Snyder Gilsbach '97** also are living in Austin. They work together as developers for Quest Software. **Maria Oldfield** works for American Greetings Corp. **Johnny '95** and **Adriana Rissetto Puckett** work at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, where Adriana is senior web developer and Johnny is network administrator. They have three children.

Jennifer Woodman Stern and husband Dani are proud parents of Hayley, born in July 2003. The family planned to move to Denver.

Christy Haga Turner lives in Richmond with husband David. She is associate pastor of Bon Air United Methodist Church. **Jenny Atkins** is a buyer for Hecht's and received her MBA in May. **Cara Flanagan Campbell** lives in Nokesville, Va., with husband Wayne and son Nathan.

Jeffrey Kramer lives in Arlington, Va., and is a sales rep for Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. **Emilie Hopkins Renaldy** and husband Jason were planning to move back to Pittsburgh with daughter Caroline.

After living in Sydney for four years, **Bonnie Bullock Preston** and husband Greg moved to Perth in western Australia. They love the beautiful beaches and relaxed lifestyle. Bonnie is an account director at Shearmans Strategic Communication. She also sits on the board of the Public Relations Institute of Australia.

Katherine "Katie" Walston McElwain is a teacher in Baltimore County. Her college roommate, **Kelly Ruark Krupinsky,** lives in Severn, Md., with husband Kevin. Kelly works for the Legal Aid Bureau. **Heather Shugard** lives in Florida. **Heather Marsden** lives in New York and practices law. She has spent several weeks at a time in England working with Lloyd's of London.

Lydia Evans Sfeir is married and lives in Denver. **Heather Kellam Savage** is married and lives in Virginia Beach. **Caitlin Fowler** works at the Weather Channel and lives in Atlanta. She was planning a fall wedding. **Ellen Porcaro Kynoch '97** just moved from San Francisco to Charlottesville, Va., where she is a registered nurse at the U.Va. Medical Center. She plans to attend graduate school. **Anne Mason Rice** was married in 1999 and lives in Richmond. She was expecting a baby boy. **Sarah King Josephson** lives in Richmond and teaches high school art. She was married in July 2002. **Megan Singleton Cornelius** is a Realtor in Charlotte, N.C., and is mom to Anna and Evan.

Debbie Barrett Ziegler is married and has a son, Bobby. **Stephanie Howard Whitaker** and husband Rodney live in the Lake Anna area and were expecting a baby girl.

Jim "Bones" Anderson was a paramedic in the Washington, D.C., area, but moved to Charlottesville to attend U.Va.'s medical school. **Corrie Henson** and **Brendan Kelly '95** live in Charlottesville and have two children. Brendan works at the National Ground Intelligence Center, and Corrie stays home with the kids.

Derek Bottcher lives in Arlington and works for Charles Schwab as a branch manager. **Suzanna "Suki" Braverman** lives in Portland, Ore., where she works as an occupational therapist specializing in hand therapy. **Jeff Larry** lives in Burlington, Vt., where he started Restoration Concepts, an historic restoration company. He was planning to relocate to the D.C. area this fall. **Stephanie Bowman** lives in Greeley, Colo., and is the manager of a lab for a small chemical company.

Michelle Labbe recently moved to Berlin, Md., and teaches elementary art for the Indian River School District in Selbyville, Del. She also is part-time manager for World Gym in Ocean City, Md. **Michelle Kurdonik Marlow** and husband David moved to Union, N.J., last summer. She gave birth to Trent Jacob in November 2003. **Crayton** and **Theresa Racey Simmons** live in Hawaii, where Crayton is stationed with the Army. He was deployed to Afghanistan in March. Theresa works for the Salvation Army in Honolulu.

Patrick Ryskamp was elected shareholder with the law firm Williams,

Parker, Harrison, Dietz & Getzen in Sarasota, Fla. He received his JD with honors from Stetson University School of Law.

Robin Coates Swink has been promoted to supervising senior at Charlottesville's Hantzmon, Wiebel & Co., one of Virginia's largest certified public accounting firms

As for me, I am still teaching second grade. It's hard to believe I've been at it for six years. Continue to e-mail, write or call!

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From Deacon:

Thanks to all who have updated their lives for us, and massive props to those considerate souls who have reported on the lives of their lazy friends!

We'll begin with what is a common theme this issue: weddings. **Abigail Mitchell** will marry Ben Pearce in July 2005 in Virginia Beach. She and her fiancé had plans to get together on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with **Matt Galeone**, **Wes Heuvel** and **Amy Wachenfield Eagen**. Amy and her husband, Greg, were moving to Miami so that she could finish up her Ph.D. in pediatric psychology. **Stephen O'Connell** is working toward his Ph.D. in geography at Oklahoma State, where he received his master's degree.

Last October, **Emily Shanaberger** married Andrew deFiesta in Richmond. **Tara Mallon Edwards** was maid of honor and **Jen Goldman Katz '97** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Keith Guralchuk**, **Dave Mathes** and **Becky Abramson**. The deFiestas were expecting a baby boy in July.

Joselle Poblete was to be married in September to Callum Duncan, an Australian she met while on a work-abroad program. They both live in San Francisco where Joselle works for Barclays Global Investors as a securities lending trader. Also planning a wedding was **Tim Deyesu** whose bride is **Lesley St. Denis '00**. Tim is director of baseball operations with Cal Ripken Baseball in Maryland.

Jay Szatmary got engaged last winter. He also has purchased a condo in Brookline, Mass. **Heidi Buchanan** and her husband, **Ryan Keohane '99**, are new homeowners in Spotsylvania County. She teaches math at Stafford High School. **Anitra Pool Fenderson** is also a new homeowner in Richmond with her husband, Tripp. Anitra works as marketing manager/Web developer for MaxPitch Media Inc.

Heather Siderius was planning a July wedding to Jason Malecki and simultaneously building a house in Lorton, Va. **Erin Rodman** lives in Los Angeles and works at Dreamworks while **Laura Letchworth** is in New York City working as a music therapist at NYU Medical Center. It turns out that **Liz Siciliano** lives a block down the street. Small world! From western Massachusetts, **Emily Winn** reports that she was married in March to Albert Petren, a fellow law student at Western New England College School of Law.

Leslie Mills was married in May to Peter Kimball. They planned to move to Charlottesville in August. **Jenna Cassidy** was in Leslie's wedding party. **Kirsten Angle** was planning a November wedding to Peter Rowan. They planned to live in Washington. **Laura Babb** and her husband, **Les Currier '97**, just bought a new house in South Riding, Va. **Erin Golden** is married to Dave Brown. They live in Simsbury, Conn., where Erin works for Allstate.

Todd Hamlin '99, **Adrien Snedeker**, **Josh Parker '99** and **Rob Cushing '99** are soccer teammates in Northern Virginia. Todd is working at Arthur Vandelay Industries as an importer/exporter. When Adrien isn't playing soccer, she is closing in on her MBA from American University. **Jeremy Blain** was married in May to Jen Burke. Groomsmen were **Clint McCarthy**, **Mike "Pasta" Paolino**, **Lars Thestrup**, **Brian Lusk** and **Jeff Seaman '97**. Other Mary Washington alumni in attendance were **J.T. Tani**, **Jesse Freese '97**, **Mike Hurt '97**, **Becky Earle Middleton '97**, **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson** and husband Andy, and **Lauren Dwyer** and fiancé Brandon Lowther. **Mike Paolino** had plans to head to the altar in June to marry Diane Finnegan.

Clint McCarthy's news includes the following: He is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton and he lives in a new home in Alexandria, Va. **Rob Braidwood '00** and his bride, **Ashley Lewis-Braidwood**, took a belated honeymoon last spring to Mexico; they also have purchased a home in Alexandria. Rob works for the City of Alexandria and Ashley is a vice president at Ascend Therapeutics in Herndon. **Brian Lusk** is a consultant for Accenture.

Erika and I are closing in on our first anniversary. She is now senior assistant director of admissions at the University of New Hampshire and she runs the tour guide program. I am the New Hampshire market manager for the Redhook Ale Brewery. Keep those updates coming!

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Kristin Ruhl got married in May in Outer Banks, N.C. Others getting married this summer were **Erin Murphy** and **Kelly Cwiak**. Kelly recently moved to Arizona and is teaching sixth grade. She plans to go to graduate school to pursue a career as a school administrator.

Chris Wiegand got married last June and teaches fifth grade in Richmond. She is working on a master's degree at VCU. **Brenna Fach** is married and lives near Philadelphia, where she works for the American Cancer Society. **Laura Reilly** is married and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Jaimee Baker and **Costen Burch '97** were married in Hawaii. They live in California, where Jaimee teaches fifth grade and Costen is a computer engineer. **Rachel Seaborn** is married and living in White Marsh, Md. She works at AFLAC and was expecting her first child.

Jessica Vest is married and living outside of Richmond, where she works for an employee benefits firm. **Gina Desantis Shaw** and her husband welcomed a daughter, Cassidy, last February. **Becca Maus Gwyer** and husband David were expecting a baby in September. They live outside San Diego. **Emily Buchanan Lach** and husband Tony live in Fredericksburg with their new baby boy, Owen. Emily works as a mathematician at Dahlgren.

Anne Blane Elliott Wootten and her husband are living outside Atlanta. She is completing nursing school. **Gina Cumbo** is living in Charlotte, N.C. Last summer, she and **Holly Blanton '00** of New York City ventured to Paris. **Aby Johnson Bethem** and husband Blake live in Fredericksburg. **Callie Owen** is working in an art-framing store and studying for a master's degree in Northern Virginia. **Janet Oldis** continues to use her cheery voice in the human resources department at JetBlue. She lives in Queens.

Kate Walker Krukiel is a senior consultant at BearingPoint. She lives in Old Town Alexandria. To keep her culinary passion alive, she works at a wine bar and volunteers as a prep cook at a homeless kitchen. **Steve Charnoff** is practicing law with a firm in Old Town Alexandria and lives with **Jenny Moss** and **Shannon Blevins**.

Flora Adams Harris and her husband were planning a move from Winston-Salem to Hickory, N.C. She teaches fifth grade. **Jennifer Fields Beeker** is working on a master's degree in education. She and her husband live in Lynchburg, Va., with an adorable black lab. **Lisa Mueller** earned a master's degree in education. **Corey Sell** lives and teaches in Northern Virginia.

Liz Howard Hencke produced her first movie, *Illusions of Grandeur,* which was directed and filmed by husband Matthew. **James Tsantes** earned an MBA and is a financial manager for the International Consumer Finance Group of American Express in New York.

Chris Fines and wife Regina just bought a house in Richmond. **Jimmy Rhodes '02** works for the American Diabetes Association. He has been very persuasive in getting fellow alumni to volunteer in Northern Virginia. He lives with **Matt Baecker,** an assistant general manager for TGI Friday's. **Julie McPhilomy** lives in Chicago and flies for American. **Shoshana Goldberg Sumy** is teaching secondary special education in Reisterstown, Md. She was to complete a master's degree at the College of Notre Dame this month.

Jessie Swissler is living in Utah, working as a white water river guide in the summer and as a ski instructor in the winter. **Emre Izat** lives in Falls Church, Va., and works for National Geographic TV and Film, where he receives pitches for new documentaries and helps his department prepare promotional materials. He continues to do a little acting, singing and fiddling on the side.

Meredith Price has finished physician assistant training at Duke University and is looking for a position in Durham, N.C. **Andrea** and **Greg Stemberger** live in Stone Ridge, Va. She works at Chesterbrook Academy, and he works at Sprint. **Julie Alexander '00** received a master's degree from James Cook University in Australia. She worked as a marine biologist in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and has begun a doctoral program in Montana in freshwater fish diseases.

I continue to teach fourth grade in Fredericksburg. I'm also working on my master's degree in education at Mary Washington. I had the privilege of traveling to Spain this summer for two weeks. I hope to someday live in England or Ireland but for now, the 'Burg will have to do.

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Kerry Ancowitz Murphy lives in Fredericksburg with husband Alex and baby Colyn Alexander. **Sarah Smith Komssi** is married and teaching autistic children in New Jersey. **Brooke Kemp** was married in May and after a honeymoon the Caribbean, settled in Leesburg, Va.

Jennifer Murray Greven and husband Greg were expecting a baby boy in June. **Rob Sharp** works for State Farm in Centreville, Va., and is engaged to **Lynda McAuliffe '02**. They were planning a June wedding in Connecticut. **Kelly Engel Boyd** and husband John live in Virginia Beach, Va., with baby Gabriel. **Michelle McCrystal** was married in July; **Elizabeth "Betsy" Burton** was a bridesmaid. Michelle is a regional sales trainer for Forest Pharmaceuticals and living in New Jersey. Betsy is a teacher in Atlanta.

Kristen Bertini and Steve **Donahoe** became engaged last year at the site of their very first date, in

Alexandria, Va. Kristen is a speech pathologist in Hagerstown, Md., and Steve is completing his law degree at the University of Pittsburgh. They were planning a May wedding. **Eva Ross Ghiold** and husband Matt were expecting their second daughter in June and are building a house in Richmond. Eva works in communications for Wyeth.

Stacey Ladd was married in September and lives in Massachusetts, where she teaches fifth grade. She earned a master's degree in elementary education from Framingham State. **Nick Bondurant** is married and living in Maryland.

Henry Odom is a proud uncle; Henry's brother, **John Odom '01,** and wife **Melissa Pelletier '01** had a baby. Henry completed a management training program in Germany and lives in North Carolina, but plans to return to Europe and live there permanently.

Eve Sledjeski married Tom Dinzeo, a fellow Kent State University student, in June. **Rachael Dorsey** lives in New York and works for the Contemporary Arts Center. She is planning a May 2005 wedding to her high school sweetheart. **Chris Boon** is rumored to be working as a DJ. **Ryan Wellner** works at Kings Point and his business, Celtic Lacrosse, is running a successful lacrosse camp. **Natalie Joy Johnson** is starring in an off-Broadway show and lives in New York with **Lisbeth White,** a certified Pilates instructor.

Paul Dunford '01 works at Columbia Hospital in New York and attends classes at Columbia University to prepare for graduate school. **Lillian Pitts** earned a master's degree in public administration in environmental science and policy at Columbia, and has returned to the Washington, D.C., area.

Kara Davis moved in with **Daniela Kelley** after **Ellen Perry** moved out. Daniela is a planning editor for Fox News in Washington, D.C. **Erik** and **Andrea Wrigley Levy** live in Clifton, Va. Erik is a software architect and Andrea recently received a master's degree in social work from Catholic University. **Emily Wilkinson Roberts** teaches music at Trinity School in Ellicott, Md., performs in the area, and is assistant director of a performing arts camp.

Nichole Gubitosi left her job in Internet publishing to pursue a job as a recruiter. **Mike Harris** now resides in Reston, Va. **Suzy Hayes Brown** was married in November 2003 and has built a home in the Fredericksburg area. **Elaine Murray** is a nurse and recently bought a house in the city of Baltimore. **Irene Schinkel Bristow** teaches second grade in Fairfax County, teaches violin lessons, and started art classes at her church. **Lukasz Pinkowski** is still working with his band, Don't Panic.

Jessica Cebula graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in May and began her residency in anesthesiology. **Hattie "Liz" Carroll Ratliff** is working on an Ed.S. in counseling, while husband **Dan** attends UMDNJ School of Osteopathic Medicine.

John Brauer '01 has returned from Greece. **Kerry Layne** spent a year of service in Madagascar and now lives in Charlotte, N.C. **Sarah Crown** is in Honduras with the Peace Corps. **Duncan McLellan** is in his final year of seminary training; ordination and first call are scheduled for May.

Brian Sweet and wife Christie live in Sevierville, Tenn., and work as house parents in an orphanage. **Casey Gallant** has returned to her hometown of Brewster on Cape Cod, Mass. She markets and designs for her father's jewelry store. **Emilee Harren** lives in St. Cloud, Minn., and is an attorney for environmental litigation. **Missy Schmidt** is rumored to be living in Madrid.

Johanna Klein married her high school sweetheart in July and is working toward her doctorate in physical therapy at Shenandoah University. **Janet Emery** is working in historic preservation in Washington, D.C. **Christine Jeffrey** went on an African safari with her sister after graduation, then bought a car and traveled the country. She's now living in Connecticut and recently obtained her real estate license. In her spare time, she's a girls' lacrosse referee.

Erin Dempsey relocated from Washington, D.C., to Summit, N.J., to work for the Chubb Co. She proudly completed her first half-marathon in the spring with **Mariah Butler** and **Jenny Maher '01**. Mariah graduated from the University of Dayton Law School and passed the Ohio bar exam. She practices criminal, family and juvenile law for a firm in Kettering, Ohio, and recently completed the Chicago Marathon.

Melanie Hayes lives in Washington, D.C., and works for Bank of America as a portfolio analyst. She's a member of the D.C. Junior League and has traveled to her favorite place, Hawaii, twice since graduation.

Leah Phillips spent time teaching chemistry and is now working on a master's degree in education from U.Va. She was set to run a half marathon in the summer and enjoys playing recreational soccer. She also was planning a summer wedding to **Jeremy Powers '01**.

Kristin Carbone lives and works in Arlington, Va. She and **Nathan Powers** recently returned from an extended stay in Madrid.

I am still enjoying life in sunny Orlando and working for Met Life Financial Services. I try to see my best friend, **Kristin Nuedling '01** as much as possible, since she moved across town. We also attended the graduation of **Katie Gottsch '98**, who received a master's degree in human resources in May from Rollins College.

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Kedron Bullock recently graduated from Regent University School of Law and sat for the Virginia bar exam in July. She has been offered a job with a firm in Chesapeake, Va.

Ashley P. Beck lives in Richmond and works for Dominion Virginia Power. **Julia Ciarlo** also lives in Richmond and is director of outside counsel for Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore. She is engaged and is planning a spring 2005 wedding. **Jessica Bergner** has been living in Japan since 2002, working as an assistant English teacher in a rural area of the country.

Matt Cliszis is an underwriter for Chubb Insurance in New York and is dating **Pam Kirby**, who works for MTV. **Jason Cobb** is in Santa Monica, Calif., soaking up the sun and working for a marketing firm. **Patty Donachy** moved to Arizona, earned a teaching certificate, and now teaches high school biology.

Sarah Downey Kelly was married last fall to Thomas Kelly of Tipperary, Ireland, and they now live outside of Boston. She is a mental health counselor in an adolescent residential home. **Brooke Dunbar** married **Peter Squire '02** last fall in Maryland. **Sheri Asbeil** was a bridesmaid, **Nene Wallace '02** was a groomsman, and **Seth Kennard** gave a reading. Brooke and Peter live in Washington, D.C., where she works for a literacy non-profit organization and he works at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren. Peter is in graduate school at George Mason University taking human factors and applied cognition.

Brendan Eygabroat and **Zac Sargent** still live together in Boston. Brendan earned a master's degree from Suffolk University, and Zac works for the Boston Preservation Alliance. **Catherine Ford** graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a master's degree in environmental science. She is planning a June wedding.

Jacquie Frank earned a master's degree in speech pathology. She was weeding through job offers and attempting to find the perfect position near her home in Toms River, N.J. **Nathaniel Haas** lives in Boulder, Colo., plays in a band, and works at a mountain resort on the weekends. He hangs out with **Alistair Miller '00, James Trezza '99, Jake Rogers '03,** and **Jessica Ritchie '04**.

Gina Han is still in Fredericksburg, working on a master's degree in education. **Sara Harney** is a high school counselor and lives in Alexandria, Va.

Jamie Harper works in Washington, D.C., for a congressman and was planning a fall wedding. **Jennifer L. Hoffman** is studying for a master's degree at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and working as a registered nurse. **Katherine Hunt** earned a master's degree and works as a curatorial assistant at the Winterthur Museum near Wilmington, Del.

Laura Indzeris is engaged to **Tom Johnson '97**. Laura works for the Rappahannock United Way in Fredericksburg while Tom is a contractor at Fort A.P. Hill. **Jay Johnston** received a promotion that took him to Roanoke, Va., where he is managing an independent adjusting firm. He also works with inner-city kids and helps with the youth group at a local church.

Vanessa Keller lives in New York and is working on a master's degree in bilingual, special and general education. In the fall, she became the head teacher of her own classroom while she finishes her degree. **Kim Kelley** and **Chris Winslow** were married in June and honeymooned in Montego Bay. Kim continues her career at KPMG and Chris recently completed his first year of law school and an internship with Szabo, Zelnick & Erickson in Lake Ridge, Va.

Kelli Kramer and **Joe Petrick**, both of whom received master of education degrees from the University of Washington, planned a September wedding. They then were to spend the fall traveling across the country visiting friends and family before departing in January for assignments with the Peace Corps.

Claudia Matamala was married in July. She teaches biology at Annandale High School in Virginia and is working on a master's degree in education at George Mason University.

Danielle A. Matuch has returned from a year in Florence, Italy, studying architecture with Syracuse University for her master's degree. She is attending Syracuse, teaching a design studio, and hopes to graduate next spring.

Jill McDonald Good was married in May and is working on a master of arts degree at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. **Andrew Luis Mercado** finished his master's degree in engineering physics at U.Va. and is now working on a doctorate.

John Montez teaches social studies at Brooke Point High School in Stafford. **Lauren Oviatt Brennan** was married in June. She works full time at the University of Arizona in career counseling and is purusing a degree in higher education administration in Tucson.

Rose Pantazis sat for the Virginia bar exam in July. **Benjamin Peck** completed Peace Corps volunteer service in the Dominican Republic and moved to Phoenix, where he is attending graduate school for an MBA at the Garvin School of International Management. **Jason Roy** works as a paramedic for New Hanover Regional EMS and lives 15

minutes from the beach in Wilmington, N.C. **Catherine Saifer** passed the bar exam in May and moved to New York to start a new adventure.

Robert Sanders works in mortgage lending for Banks National in Tysons Corner, Va. His goal is to move to California and pursue the same line of work. **Anna Stensvaag** moved to Boston, where she works in sales and marketing.

Corie Tarbet teaches high school world history in Woodbridge, Va. He also is enrolled in the history master's degree program at George Mason. **Kelly Turcic Bailey** and her husband finished remodeling the downstairs of their house and spent the summer traveling, then Kelly started graduate work in the fall. Their two puppies keep them busy.

Meg Weireter completed her MFA in creative writing at Emerson College. She lives in Boston, where she works at the Harvard Common Press (for money) and writes poems (for pleasure). **Sarah Wharen Wright** was married in May and works at AOL in Dulles, Va.

Shari Wilcox and **Brian Sweeney** moved to Austin, Texas. Shari is in a master's program in geography at the University of Texas, and Brian is manager of a national homebuilding company. **Melissa Wilson** earned a master's degree in applied history from George Mason. She is looking for a position in the museum field and has applied for jobs in New England.

I am continuing with my studies at George Mason and stay busy working in the Office of University Relations at Mary Washington. **Erin Murray** and I trained this summer for a 10-mile run.

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Robyn Porter and **Patrick Mauney** were married in October and moved to Warrenton, Va. Patrick works for a GIS solutions company and Robyn is the assistant director of annual giving at Mary Washington.

OBITUARIES

Anna Scott "Scotty" Hoye, a former Mary Washington College biology professor, died July 16 of complications following heart surgery.

Dr. Hoye's MWC teaching career dates back to 1941. She taught for three years before becoming a commissioned officer in the WACS during World War II. Having earned her pilot's license, she served as a trained instructor. In 1951, Hoye made her way back to Mary Washington to resume teaching until 1960.

During those nine years, she created a degree program in physical therapy for Mary Washington in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia. She also established a Fundamentals of Movement class in which students read her own published text.

She left in 1962 to obtain her Ph.D. in physiology at the University of Wisconsin. Afterwards, she returned to MWC and became the biology department's chairperson. Hoye also hosted a six-week summer marine biology course for Mary Washington students at her home in Deltaville.

She received the Simpson Award for Excellence in undergraduate teaching and retired in 1977 as professor emeritus.

Hildy Parks Cohen '45, a nationally known actress with a multi-faceted career, died Oct. 7 in New Jersey from complications following a stroke. She was 78.

Not only did she appear on Broadway and in television programs, Cohen also wrote the script for the first 20 Tony Awards telecasts. The two-time Emmy Award winner appeared in

nearly every Mary Washington theatrical production during her undergraduate days.

In 1978, the MWC Alumni Association presented her with its Distinguished Alumni Award. Ten years later, Cohen chaired the institution's first fundraising campaign; the Alumni Association again rewarded her achievements by presenting her with the first Washington Medal.

She returned to campus in 1998 to address the graduating class. At that time, the College awarded her an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

IN MEMORIAM

Susan Emily Risheill Perry '24
Elizabeth Decker Peacock '27
Dorothy D. Thompson '27
Beatrice Branagan Fordham '29
A. Elizabeth Gooch '29
Eugenia Ehler Pimper '32
Frances Sale Dickinson '34
Isabelle Austin Walker Spence '34
Nancy Cooper Menth '38
Dorothy Coddington Judy '39
Hazel Leigh Lawrence '39
Louise Marshall Bennett '40
Marguerite Jennings Helbush '41
Raynell Goodman Lantor '41
Eleanor Batschelet Smith '41
Mary Unruh '41
Elizabeth Stoecker Gallant '42
Jane Quillan Hastings '42
Catherine Mitchell Hewitt '42
Janet Pearson King '42
Margaret Bowers King '42
Charlotte Richardson Murray '42
Nora Lee Hutt St. Onge '42
Helyn Byrd Evans '43
Yvonne Thompson Errickson '44
Muriel Clements Garrison '44
Edith Thomas Hawthorne '44
Monika Dahl Scott '44
Hildy Parks Cohen '45
Mary Anne Burton Mountjoy '45
Bettie Woodward Pace '46
Alice F. Sisterhenm '46
Frances Muller Bloxom '47
Margaret Bliven Scott '47
Carol Fittin Crane '48
Emily Avery Halloway '48
Carolyn Bolling Wilson Sergeant '48
Helen Jean Clark Haynie '49
Mary Jane Bassett Currier '50
Jean F. Ferguson '50
Delia Pate Wilson '50
Elizabeth Anne Robie '52
Effie Apostolou Woutas '54
Joan Piedmont Gruppe '55
Mary Barbara Price Edsall '58
Jeanne Walsh Ladd '58
Rebecca Lonas Allen '60
Betsy Bailey Gale '60
Jane Rader Elliott '61
Martha V. McMillan '61
Marilyn M. Smith '62
Kathryn Brinn Dicus '66
Joanne M. Anthony Schuler '66
Janet Rose Cooper '69
Jacqueline White Hansli '76
Stacy Allensworth Minor '92
Deborah A. Jardin '01

CONDOLENCES

Rebecca Silver Witter '37, who lost her sister
Ruth Westcott Hale '44, who lost her husband
Nancy Green Chilcott '45, who lost her husband
Jane Cleeland Willis '47, who lost her husband
Kathryn Glazier Livengood '48, who lost her husband
Marian Boyd Hepler '51, who lost her husband
Betty Anderson Buck '53, who lost her husband
Mary-Nelson Coleman Hoornstra '53, who lost her husband
Celia Calloway Hancock '54, who lost her husband
Patricia McDonald Freeman '55, who lost her husband
Sondra Kates Douglas '59, who lost her husband
Vici Rogers Dumont '59, who lost her husband
Barbara Upson Gravely '61, who lost her husband
Carolyn Barnette Wright '61, who lost her husband
Polly "Leona" Ellis Olson '62, who lost her mother
Peggy Beeler Burns '66, who lost her father
Margaret Livingston Asensio '68, who lost her father
Lynn Belcher Fox '68, who lost her father
Carol Lee Hawtin '68, who lost her mother
Pamela Tompkins Huggins '68, who lost her mother
Sue Farnham Piatt '68, who lost her mother
Janet Cerritelli '69, who lost her father
Carol Pappas Bartold '75, who lost her father
Randy Dail '92, who lost his father
Emily Riebau '92, who lost her husband

Ed. Note: Listed incorrectly in the "In Memoriam" section of the last issue of the magazine was Vici Rogers Dumont '59. The listing should have reported Mrs. Dumont lost her husband. We sincerely regret the error.

CLOSING COLUMN

What My "18th-Century" House Taught Me About Teaching

Marie E. McAllister

About three years ago my husband and I bought our first house. Most people manage that before their mid-40s, but I had one of those roundabout careers, so home was a series of apartments near big cities – not settled, but at least progressively less roach-infested. Eventually, though, I ended up in a town I like, in a job I love, and we started looking for houses.

We imagined a place in charming downtown Fredericksburg. We hunted, and hunted, and hunted . . . then realized thousands of other folks were competing to escape the subdivisions built last Tuesday. Ten months later, still hunting, we saw the ad: "A journey through history! Circa-1790 farmhouse!"

Well, I specialize in 18th-century literature. How could I resist? My husband picked up the phone. Our Realtor kindly pretended to believe that two teachers could afford to own a historic house. To make a long story short, we bought it. The basement has flooded a dozen times already. There were termite tunnels under the fresh paint. The hideous wallpapers seem to be stuck on with superglue. But it's home, and I love it, and fellow 18th-century professors understand immediately when I say that it's taught me a lot about teaching.

Now, say you're a teacher who's just bought an 18th-century house, and a student aide happens to complain that her historic preservation class can't find an old house for its documentation project. What would you do? Thrilled by my great idea, I invited my colleague, Professor Brown Morton, to turn us into guinea pigs.

A few days later Brown came to look at the house. He was terrific. "See how they cut out the porch rails here?" "Did you know there used to be a second staircase here?" But then he asked THE QUESTION: "Why do you think this house is from the 1790s?" Um . . . because the ad said so? Bad news: Although some features are right for the 18th century, most of the detail looks suspiciously 19th-century. Brown must have seen my horror. Perhaps, he tried, the house was just extensively renovated in the 19th century. And anyway, the 19th was a fine century, too. Hah! We 18th-century devotees know better.

I licked my wounds, and summer arrived. Now, many old houses in Virginia have been retrofitted for air conditioning, sensibly enough. Ours has not. For a Montana gal, even one who's been on the East Coast as long as I have, the heat was pretty intolerable. We took refuge in the air-conditioned public records office. Exciting discoveries! At one point our house was owned by Morgan Combs, former Mary Washington president and namesake of Combs Hall.

Alas, the deed story ended sadly. Things were fine back to the 1850s, but around then, three sellers swapped property back and forth a few times. The piece of land that might have held our house was lost to an age of deals done with a handshake.

Thank heavens for my able teachers in the historic preservation department. At their suggestion, we tried other things. Whenever the humidity soared, we read tax records or tracked census data. I constantly had the sensation of going about things in the least efficient way, but I was learning. Maybe I would eventually make it to the level of, say, a historic preservation sophomore.

Then fall came and the students arrived. First they photographed the exterior: we'd look up during breakfast to spot a sleep-glazed student setting up a tripod to catch the morning light. It was a bit like living in a fishbowl. From October to December, classes worked inside, measuring everything that didn't move. Our reward was a set of drawings of the type preservationists do at the start of a project (great for hiding awful wallpaper!).

Since then, I keep running into students who know my house better than I do. Their complaints about how hard it is to measure a 40-foot chimney remind me that I'm not the only one to whom my house taught valuable lessons.

So what all did I learn? To start with, the house reminded me of the difficulty of mastering a new discipline. My students are smart and hardworking, yet they often lack surprisingly fundamental tools. Their mistakes seem understandable when I consider my own confusion. Take the Marye family, which owned our land back in the 1780s. Did the trail of lawsuits mean John Jr. was a jerk, or was he trying to protect his sister from her thriftless husband? I simply couldn't tell.

Researching the house reminded me of the thrills of discovery. My colleague Doug Sanford was descended from a family that once owned my land! For my students, literary theory and criticism are an exciting new language, just as the language of title deeds and tombstones was to me. If I can keep that thrill of the new alive for them, I will have done my job.

Each time I had to ask another question that I felt sure I ought to be able to figure out on my own, I became more admiring of the courage that brings students to my door admitting confusion and asking for help. The house even made me more aware of the variety of perspectives in my classes. Not long after we moved in, an elderly stranger knocked on our door. Roger had made up the wonderful packet of documents we inherited with the house. Later we met his sister Enid, a physicist. For her, history lay in the tangible. My own pleasure lay in the stories I found when pouring over books and microfilms. My classrooms contain Rogers and Enids and Maries, and I need to teach to them all.

The house also reminded me that scholarship is not just an abstract endeavor. Our house was almost certainly built by enslaved African-Americans, like so much of this country's wealth. The early wills include the names of slaves to be given to each surviving child – no last names, of course, so it's impossible to tell what families got broken up by the death of an owner. When I invite my smaller classes out to the house, we have a lot to talk about.

In the end, of course, my colleague turned out to be right. We never did learn when our house was built, but it wasn't 1790. A pair of books from Simpson Library taught us to look at saw marks, nail heads, and other things that date a property, and we reluctantly concluded that our "eighteenth-century" house most likely came from the 1830s or 1840s. But that's OK. The house taught me one more thing that's useful to remember on days when half my students have skipped their Swift or Pope in order to get to the end of *Frankenstein* or *Great Expectations*. Other centuries may not be as wonderful as the one I teach, but they have their good points too.

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Gift Planning Provides Life Income

Katherine (Kate) Mayo Schmidt '49 and her husband Bill recently established a Charitable Gift Annuity through the Office of Gift Planning at Mary Washington. "I value each and every moment of my MWC days," said Kate. "I hope in some small way I can help future students enjoy and reap the benefits of their Mary Washington education."

Kate began her 34-year career in education in Roanoke, Va., and then moved to Houston, Texas, where she served as teacher and later guidance counselor. Now retired, Kate and Bill enjoy traveling, working on their Texas ranch and visiting with their son Bill Jr., an Albuquerque-area psychologist and bluegrass music enthusiast.

The Schmidts read about life income gift options in the *Heritage Newsletter*, a regular publication of the Mary Washington Foundation, and contacted the Office of Gift Planning. "Although it is nice to increase our income with a predictable and safe investment, our primary objective was to benefit Mary Washington," Kate said, "and the process was very simple. We chose a Charitable Gift Annuity, our broker transferred the shares of appreciated stock to the Foundation, and we completed an agreement. Our CPA is very excited about the tax benefits we will enjoy over the next few years, and the annuity income is much more than the return from stock dividends."

The Schmidt's annuity will supplement their income for life, qualify them for membership in the Heritage Society, and will also provide for four separate endowments at Mary Washington:

- a scholarship in memory of Kate's dear friend and roommate, Ann Jackson Atkinson.
- a scholarship in Kate's name.
- a special acquisitions fund for Simpson Library.
- the Bushnell Endowment, as a tribute to the beautiful Mary Washington campus. (Named in honor of Nina G. Bushnell, Dean of Women from 1921 through 1950, this fund helps with campus improvements.)

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Abby Bland, a University of Mary Washington senior, greets entertainer Bill Cosby (center) and Gerald Foster, a Richmond professor and scholar for the National Slavery Museum, as they arrive at a fund-raiser held in September at Seacobeck Hall. *See page 5.*

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